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TOMMIES MOVE TO FRONTIER

Patrolling Of Sheung Shui, Taku Ling Areas

SITUATION IN SHUMCHUN

More than 1,000 British troops moved up to the frontier yesterday, as another border hamlet fell to the Chinese Communists.

Troops of the 26th Brigade of the 40th Division started patrols on the Sheung Shui area, and men of the 27th Brigade took over the Taku Ling area.

Two miles from the Shumchun railway crossing, field artillery started practice firing yesterday morning and continued through the afternoon.

At 8 a.m. yesterday more than 20 Chinese Communist guerillas entered the city and hoisted the Communist flag on main business buildings.

They set up headquarters in the Shumchun market, and placed guards on the main business streets.

Representatives of more than 300 Nationalist railway guards and Customs men negotiated by telephone with Communist authorities in Canton early yesterday morning for the peaceful surrender of their arms and men when the main force of regular Communist troops enter the city this morning.

Two Nationalist armed troops were reported to have been shot by the Communists in Shumchun yesterday morning for looting during the night.

In the Shumchun market headquarters, six Communists, dressed in light green jackets, and worn khaki pants, ordered Communist signs and slogans to be displayed in the city. Cook's Bridge, and the Shumchun railway crossing were opened to regular traffic about noon yesterday.

In Shumchun, more than 40 armed Nationalist troops walked about the city freely, and chatted with their Communist captors.

Formal Take-Over

One of the Communist officers explained to the "China Mail" that the troops would be formally interned this morning, when the main force of Communist regulars arrived, and took over.

Scores of railway employees, sitting disconsolately in the Chinese Shumchun railway station yesterday afternoon, all agreed that they were willing to work under the Chinese Communist Government.

They added that they hadn't been paid for two weeks.

One railway official said in the Communist headquarters of Shumchun yesterday's reports that the tracks between Hong Kong and Canton were destroyed were not true.

He added that the Communist were sending a "test" train to Shumchun yesterday afternoon, and the regular Communist officials would arrive on the train.

The exodus from China into British territory still continued yesterday, but at a diminished rate.

Requisitions Feared

Main refugees were Chinese who owned property or cattle, and feared that the Communists would requisition them.

Scores of oxen and cattle lined New Territories road.

Though no Nationalist soldiers have evacuated from China into the New Territories as defected soldiers, on both sides of the Shumchun river Nationalist, hats, boot guards, helmets, pants, and shirts were scattered over a wide area.

Some of the Nationalist soldiers have discarded their uniforms across the 20-foot Shumchun river, and then entered British territory.

A Communist said at the guerilla headquarters in Shumchun that he had orders to encourage merchants and shop keepers to keep their businesses open, discourage mass evacuation of Chinese across the border, and immediately give the death penalty to any looters.

Nationalist troops, waiting to surrender to the Communist regular forces, said that they had no fears about being interned by the Communists.

Police are still patrolling the Border zone roads, and guards are stationed at about 100-yard intervals stopping and checking refugees and motor transports.

British army patrol cars, radio cars, and "dingoes" were cruising around the Border zone roads late yesterday, and troops were on patrols in the hills.

Red Entry Of Swatow Expected

Strong forces of Communists who swarmed across the Fukien border into Kwangtung Province, today were reported standing by until final evacuation of Swatow by the Nationalists before making a peaceful entry into the port city, the United Press reports.

A Swatow resident who arrived in Hong Kong late on Monday from Swatow said that the Communists who filed into Kwangtung without resistance had by-passed Swatow, reaching Chiehyang, 26 miles West of the coast city.

He said the Nationalist evacuation was still underway and that General Hu Lien's troops were being loaded onto transports for shipment to Taiwan.

It was apparent, he said, that an agreement had been reached for a peaceful handing over of Swatow to the Communists.

Early Surrender

This informant said the city's residents are predicting that the Communist flag will be flying over Swatow by Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

The situation at Amoy has not been resolved, on the basis of noon reports reaching here. These dispatches said that the Nationalists still have a foothold on both Amoy and Quemoy but that the Communist were increasing their efforts to make new landings by junk-borne troops.

These reports indicated that the battle for Amoy was one of the most savage engagements of the civil war. Hand to hand fighting was described. Big guns of the Communist artillery from the mainland and those of the Nationalist fortress on the island and from naval gunboats were slugging it out with big shells.

The Communists were said to have consolidated their positions on several of the smaller islands.

Further to the West, private reports indicated that the Communists have driven into North Kwangsi, reaching Chuanhsien, 40 miles from the South Hunan border.

In Hong Kong, Fukien provincial authorities and other members of Fukien residents organisations drafted an appeal to General Ten En-po, to give up the battle for Amoy in the interest of the civilian population of the islands. They argued that there was no strategic value in holding Amoy after the fall of Canton.

General Pai Chung-hsi was reported to be still fighting a rearguard action at Lingling, but the position of his troops there was said to be growing serious.

Informal Talks With Reds Denied

Reports in certain quarters yesterday that the representatives of China's new People's Republic have had informal talks with the Government of Hong Kong were officially described as substantially untrue.

According to the reports, Communist General Yeh Chien-ying or his representative arrived in Hong Kong before the fall of Canton and discussed four points with the Colony's Governor.

The four points were said to be:

1. What attitude the Hong Kong Government would adopt when the People's Liberation Army reaches the frontier;

2. What the Hong Kong Government proposes to do with Nationalist property and assets in the Colony;

3. Would the Hong Kong Government consider extradition of "black-listed" Kuomintang officials from Hong Kong to Liberated areas in China; and

4. The question of the Leased New Territories.

Recognition

The reports added that the Governor of Hong Kong replied that the Government would give de facto recognition to "local conditions" when the People's Liberation Army reaches the Colony's borders.

As regards Nationalist property and assets, the Hong Kong Government was reported to have told General Yeh or his representative that such property and assets would be turned over to the new regime, provided it can be legally confirmed that the property and assets are owned by the Nationalist Government.

To the question of "black-listed" Kuomintang officials, the Governor was reported to have replied that it is Britain's policy to give shelter to political refugees.

Regarding question of the Leased New Territories, the Governor was reported to have replied that the issue would have to be considered in London.

Questioned yesterday, a senior official of the Hong Kong Government said that "there is not single word of truth" in the reports.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) pressure remains high over China and to the N of Japan. The depression continues to move slowly NE into the Pacific to the E of Tokyo. Another appears to be developing to the S of Southern Honshu, and will move ENE. A tropical depression is developing about 350 miles E of N. Luzon, movement unknown.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate /or fresh NE winds. Cloudy, with bright intervals during the day. Continuing cool.

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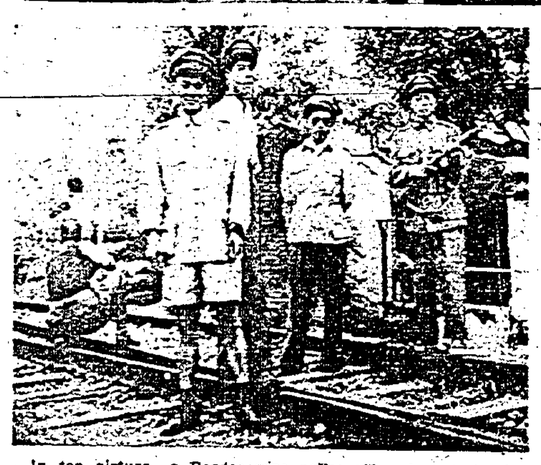
Shumchun Waiting For The Communists



In top picture, a Border zone police officer is ordering the Shumchun railway barbed wire and cement blocks to be removed at noon yesterday. Chinese in the distance are waiting to enter British territory. Bottom picture shows Railway guards and Nationalist Customs men in Shumchun yesterday. The men are waiting to surrender to the main force of Communist regular troops when they arrive in Shumchun this morning. ("China Mail" Photo).

Nehru Urges U.S. To Recognise Red Regime In China

New York, October 17.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, has urged upon the United States government early recognition of Communist China.

Top American officials, revealing this fact to the United Press today, said, however, that Nehru has not, contrary to radio reports, said he intended to go ahead and accord diplomatic status quo to the Peking Red regime at once.

They said Nehru in his conversations with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, expressed the opinion that recognition must come sooner or later and the sooner the better. He suggested that the United States take the lead in this matter.

High American officials assessing this suggestion from Nehru appeared inclined to believe that it resulted from his conversation with the British Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee, than from any strong feelings the Indian Premier might have. There is a tendency in top official quarters to believe that Nehru was being used by the British as a "front" for their desire to recognise Communist China.

Effect Lost

For that reason it appeared Nehru's suggestion lost much of its effect. It was explained that if American officials had thought it purely an Indian idea it would have had much more force than the form in, which they believed it originated.

Nevertheless, indications here were that the United States was seeking only a guarantee from the Chinese Communists that they would observe international obligations before opening negotiations with them for diplomatic exchanges.

The fall of Canton was described in informed quarters as a major turning point in the United States attitude. It was pointed out that this Communist conquest now made it possible for the United States to believe that one of its major conditions—that the Chinese Communists control a major portion of the country—had been realised.

British officials meanwhile were known to be in hourly contact with the State Department over the situation in China and the tenor of their remarks was that recognition was now inevitable.—United Press.

JAPAN TRADE PROPOSALS

Tokyo, October 17.

Permission to charter foreign vessels and also employ Japanese shipping to carry goods to and from Japan was among the eight point trade development proposals to be made by the Trade-Industry Ministry tomorrow to the occupation authorities, according to the news agency, Jiji Presi.

The news agency, quoting sources in the Ministry, also stated that Ministry representatives would ask for the abolition of the floor price system, giving Japanese export prices more elasticity to meet the changes in world prices.—Reuter.

AUSSIE RED GETS THREE YEARS

Sydney, October 17.

One of Australia's top Communists was sentenced today to three years at hard labour for having said Australian workers would welcome Soviet forces here.

Laurence Louis Sharkey, aged 51, General Secretary of the Australian Communist Party, was convicted by a jury in Central Criminal Court last June of having uttered seditious words. The sentence he received today is the maximum for such an offence.

At the time the statement was made Communist leaders in many other countries were saying exactly the same thing.—Associated Press.

Damage To British Property In Foochow

(Exclusive to "China Mail")

Some damage was done to British property in Foochow during the recent fighting for the city between Nationalists and Communists, the "China Mail" learns from a reliable source.

The Foochow Club was hit by a shell while the British Consulate also suffered some damage. The Customs House, next to the Consulate, was hit, as were several houses occupied by British residents.

The "China Mail" informant said there was some stiff fighting for possession of Princess' Grave Hill, where the Nationalists had artillery stationed and which was stormed by the Communists.

Airline Official Optimistic Over Shanghai

Tokyo, October 17.

An American airline executive, who arrived in Tokyo from Shanghai via Manila today, painted an optimistic picture of conditions in the Communist held city and said the anti-foreign feeling there had dissipated considerably.

Mr. Don King, Northwest Airlines Vice-President who departed from Shanghai on October 10 aboard the French liner Marechal Joffre, said the main sentiment among foreign business elements in Shanghai was a hope that the Nationalist blockade would be lifted soon.

"The feeling was that the blockade would end in a few weeks," Mr. King said. "Most foreign businessmen in Shanghai want to take a crack at doing business with the new regime."

Mr. King who has been in the Chinese metropolis since before the Reds captured the city said conditions there now are much better."

There were no blackmarket prices and money was strictly controlled, he said, and the city was well run. He added that since Tientsin was now blockade-free the value of the United States dollar had risen, slashing the living costs for those with foreign exchange by 30 to 40 per cent in the past few weeks.

Mr. King asserted that there will be some labour trouble but that the city authorities were now teaching the labour elements there is such a thing as responsibility as well as authority.

Mr. King said he was on his way to the United States to confer with Northwest Airline President, Mr. C. Hunter on future airline's policy in China and would co-ordinate decisions with members of the United States State Department.

Meanwhile Northwest office in Shanghai remained open under Chinese management. There had been no commercial plane flights to Shanghai since shortly before the Red entry.—United Press.

Speculation On Future Of HK Industries

Will the Communist occupation of the entire coastline of China affect the future of Hong Kong's vast industries, is the question asked by many people today.

Hong Kong's industrial growth has been steadily increasing ever since the end of the Pacific War. This growth received a particularly strong impetus from the deteriorating conditions in China, as a result of which many of the factories in North China moved down to Hong Kong.

In the opinion of competent observers the change of regime in China will not affect Hong Kong industrially, because the Colony's factories draw the bulk of their raw materials from abroad and the outlets for their finished products are also in overseas markets.

Hong Kong's industrial development has been one of the greatest phenomena of the post-war period. Despite the vast destruction wrought by the Japanese occupation, her industrialists in less than two years had her industries restored to the pre-war level of efficiency. Good demand from abroad for Hong Kong manufactured goods also helped very much in the Colony's industrial rehabilitation.

Not only was industry restored to the pre-war level, but due to the steady influx of factories from Shanghai and North China, many new enterprises were set up, and new manufactures never before attempted in the Colony were started.

Cotton Industry

The largest of the new industries introduced by the Northern industrialists is perhaps the cotton mills, of which eight, having between them 70,000 spindles, are operating at full capacity, and four are operating at partial capacity, while six are still under construction.

These mills are already affording employment to 4,500 workers, of which half are women.

If industrial development goes forward according to plan, by the end of 1950, when all the mills are expected to be working at full capacity, there will be a total of 240,000 spindles working affording employment to no less than 6,000 workers.

Most of the cotton mills are newly built and at least two of them, the Hong Kong Cotton Mills Limited, and the Wyler Textiles, are air-conditioned.

Work in the cotton mills is new to local labour, and workers are being trained by experienced hands from Shanghai and Tientsin.

Hong Kong also owes the development of the enamelware industry to Shanghai industrialists and today Hong Kong enamelwar is sold to most overseas markets of the world.

Venture In Wool

Wool is among the latest ventures on which enterprising industrialists have put their hand. The Oriental Corporation, with their new factory at Castle Peak Road, are experimenting with their latest machinery and training local workers. The Hong Kong Wool Manufactory at Tsun Wan, New Territories, is also trying to make a success of this new venture.

This industry is still in its infancy, and so far only 400 workmen are being employed.

At least one industry has received a setback as a result of the war in China. It is the egg preserving and packing industry, another of the industries grafted into the Colony from Shanghai.

Two modern factories with cold storage and curing equipments have had to suspend operations due to the cutting off of fresh egg supplies from Hankow.

"If it weren't for this, we plan to turn out four to five tons of egg yolk and albumen a day," one of the factory officials told the "China Mail."

Depressed conditions in overseas markets since the beginning of the year have slowed down the setting up of further new factories. Many of the existing factories have had to work on part time too, but despite this lull there is no sign of Hong Kong industry going backwards.

Industrialists, confident in the future of Hong Kong, are continually planning for improvements and expansion to meet orders which they feel must come to Hong Kong.

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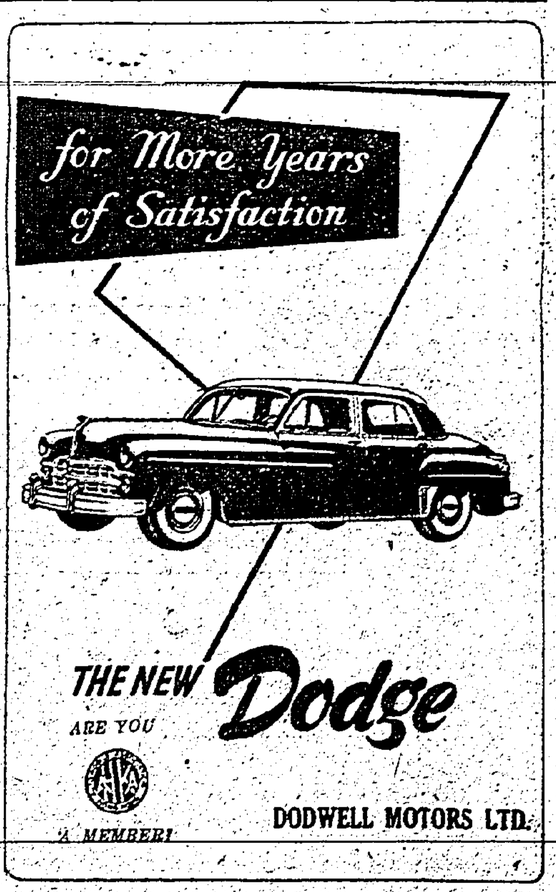

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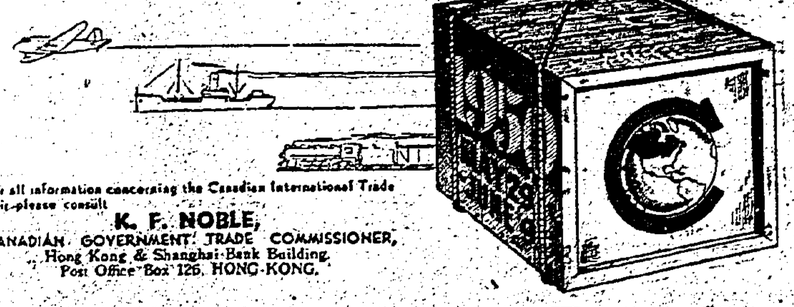

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FIRST READING DUE OF DEPORTATION BILL

The First Reading of a Bill which, subject to certain safeguards, proposes to give the authorities concerned power to deport alien convicts for terms ranging from 10 years to life, will be taken in Legislative Council tomorrow.

The proposed bill, however, contains certain safeguards giving the person affected facilities to disclaim being an alien and to petition for permission to stay in Hong Kong.

The official explanatory note states that the increase in the population of the Colony since the Liberation and the necessity of preserving law and order has made it imperative to exercise extensively and expeditiously the power given to the Governor-in-Council to order the deportation of alien convicts.

It added that the experience gained has made it possible to formulate on reasonably definite lines the cases in which an alien convict should be deported and thus open the way to delegate within these limits the power of deportation.

Certain aspects of deportation such as the question whether or not a person is an alien and whether or not his long association with the Colony together with other redeeming features make his case exceptional, require further investigation.

These matters, states the official note, can, however, suitably be dealt with by the Governor on the advice of the Attorney-General and the Secretary of Chinese Affairs.

Notification Necessary

The object of Clause 3 of the proposed Bill is to enable a Competent Authority appointed by the Governor to order deportation of an alien convict.

This power will not be exercisable while any appeal or review may still occur or is pending and must be preceded by a notification that deportation is proposed.

This enables the alleged alien to claim he is not an alien or to petition the Governor to be allowed to remain in the Colony. The former claim will be referred to the Governor with the advice of the Attorney-General and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and these officers will also make their observations on any petition to be allowed to stay in the Colony.

Subject to these safeguards, a Competent Authority will order deportation for life of an alien sentenced to six months' imprisonment or more for a scheduled offence.

He will also order deportation for 10 years of an alien sentenced to imprisonment for less than six months and to one month or more for a scheduled offence; and deportation for 10 years of an alien who has at any time been sentenced to more than 18 months' imprisonment provided that such alien is still serving a sentence and has been convicted within six months before the making of the order.

Given 14 Days

Proof of the convictions will be furnished by the warrant of commitment or certificate of sentence which together with a certificate of previous convictions will also enable proof to be furnished of the convictions necessary to apply.

The duty thus cast on the Registrar of the Supreme Court (and on magistrates) is more than counter-balanced by the fact that the Bill will relieve the Courts of the duty of ordering or recommending deportation.

The power of the Governor-in-Council to order deportation has necessarily been preserved (and enables the Schedule to be amended by the Governor-in-Council.)

Under sub-section (8) a person is given 14 days in which to claim not to be an alien or to petition the Governor to be allowed to stay in the Colony. To enable proper effect to be given to this provision the powers of deportation given to the competent authority are in each case exercisable only if the person is still due to serve a sentence of imprisonment of of not less than 14 days after service upon him of a notification of his proposed deportation. If he prefers a claim or petition provision is made for his detention in custody pending determination of his claim or petition.

The object of clause 5 of the Bill is to make better provision for the re-deportation of an alien who returns before the period for which his deportation has been ordered has expired. The main change effected is to render unnecessary any fresh order if he has been convicted of the offence of so returning.

The opportunity has, however, been taken to render re-deportation more practical where it is desired to take such course by order of the Governor without prosecuting the alien for the offence of returning before the expiration of the period for which he was deported.

Interim Custody

In particular, provision is made for a justice of the peace to authorise interim custody by warrant and the Governor's order is signified by the Clerk of Councils instead of by the Colonial Secretary.

A British protected person is a person who is a member of a class of persons declared by Order-in-Council made in relation to any protectorate, protected state, mandated territory or trust territory to be for the purposes of the British Nationality Act, 1948, protected persons by virtue of their connection with that protectorate, state or territory.

Such a declaration has already been made by the British Protectorates, Protected States and Protected Persons Order in Council, 1949. British protected persons are strictly speaking aliens but it is the policy of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom that they should, whenever possible, be treated similarly to British subjects.

The object of clause 2 of the Bill is to render them immune from deportation as aliens unless they have been deported, banished or expelled from a territory which is not a foreign country within the meaning of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

In consequence of this amendment it is necessary to apply the provisions of the Deportation (British Subjects) Ordinance, 1936, to protected persons. This is achieved by clause 6 of the Bill.

Personalia

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. H. Anette, Mr. and Mrs. Lescuyer, Mrs., F.J.A. Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Roussille, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Doyle, Mrs. J.B. Lindsay, Messrs. S.L. Long, F.T. Lu, Y.C. Wu, J.W. McCorkindale, J.G. Meadmore, A.T. Cox, Q. Zimmern, R.L. Clifford, H. Jordan, J.W. Babcock, R. Munoz, C. Robare, E.L. Dunham, S.P. Agarwalla, M. Mallinson, G.C. Shelton, C. Taitand and Paul Bastid.

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Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the weekend were Mrs. J.B. Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Copleston, Mr. and Mrs. G. Reiss, Mr. and Mrs. Ling Hon-wai, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Bench, Messrs. S. Stover, M.D. Johnson, E.F. Sims, J.P. da Costa, Ng Sui-cam, E. Kydd, L. Gillain, and M. Roshott.

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Among the passengers who arrived by CPA from Bangkok and Singapore were Siaw Kim-song, Jan Siah-thong and Sir John and Lady Mason.

Passengers who left by CPA yesterday for Bangkok and Singapore were Ng Ser-hong, Simon Tsai, J. Singh Narula, Tan Wee-chong, Han Yin-yuen and Ian Lightbody.

Registration Of HK Citizens

A further step to register the entire population of Hong Kong was announced by Government yesterday.

The second order under the Registration of Persons Ordinance, published in a "Government Gazette Extraordinary," made it obligatory for commercial and industrial firms to register themselves and their employees.

The order compels employees of commercial and industrial organisations to make application for registration through their employers.

REMAND FOR SAILOR GRANTED

Taken into custody by the police for being a vagrant, John Cadens, 27-year-old unemployed sailor of West Hartlepools England, was remanded for three days for further enquiries by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

UK Papers Comment On Hong Kong

London, October 17.

The arrival of Chinese Communist troops on the Hong Kong frontier evoked comment by two British Conservative dailies on what Britain's attitude to the Chinese Communists should now be in the light of new developments.

The "Daily Telegraph" said: "Sooner or later, and sooner rather than later, Anglo-Chinese relations will have to be based on political realities rather than on the fiction that the Chiang Kai-shek regime still exists in any but a ceremonial sense.

"At the same time it should not be supposed that recognition, as such, will transform the Chinese Communists from enemies into friends.

"Whatever terms we are to come with them, if they are to work, must be governed by practical considerations."

The "Yorkshire Post" said that "some kind of deal may be proposed, offering commercial advantages, not necessarily against the cession of Hong Kong, but against some kind of recognition that the Chinese Communists have the paramount power in China and have certain rights, possibly not to become valid for years in the colony.

"Manoeuvres of this kind must be resisted.

"The status of Hong Kong must not be compromised in the slightest way. It must be held against force and against cunning," the "Yorkshire Post" said. —Reuter.

THREAT BY NORTH KOREA REPORTED

London, October 17.

The Communist-led Korean People's Republic (Northern Korea) has threatened to reunite Korea "by its own forces," Moscow Radio reported today.

The threat was made in a letter from Foreign Minister Pak Hen-yen denouncing the American-backed Republic in Southern Korea. The Moscow Radio broadcast a Soviet news agency dispatch from Pyongyang, capital of Northern Korea, reporting that the letter had been sent to UN President Carlos P. Romulo and Secretary-General Trygve Lie.—Associated Press.

Two Gold Bars Confiscated

Ng Pang, of 10 Bird Street, was charged before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with importing eight bars of gold weighing approximately 40 taels without a permit.

Pleading for the defendant Mr. P.J. Griffiths said that the gold constituted the entire fortune of the defendant's family having sold all property in China and converted the money into gold before coming to Hong Kong.

Mr. Wicks ordered two bars to be confiscated and the rest returned to him.

The Reverend Brother John (seated at left), Director of St. Joseph's College, and the Reverend Brother Rafael. Brother John is leaving for the United States on an eight-month holiday. Brother Rafael is taking over his duties in his absence. ("China Mail" Photo).

AMENDMENT TO PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION BILL

At tomorrow's Legislative Council meeting, the Attorney-General will introduce the First Reading of a Bill to amend the Prevention of Corruption Ordinance.

The proposed amendment repeals Section 9 of the principal Ordinance and replaces it with a new section designed to meet objections to certain wordings in the original section.

An official explanatory note states that the Prevention of Corruption Ordinance, 1948, the principal Ordinance, makes special provision dealing with the subject of the evidence of an accomplice upon trial on indictment for offences against sections 3 and 4. Such provision is contained in section 9 which reads as follows:—

"9. Notwithstanding any rule of practice or procedure to the contrary in the event of a person being charged with an offence against section 3 or section 4, a judge shall not be required to direct the jury that it is dangerous to convict on the evidence of an accomplice without corroboration in a material particular implicating the accused, but in every such case the jury shall be directed to convict if they are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the evidence accomplice is worthy of belief."

The wording of such section has been criticized on the grounds that if strictly construed the section—

(a) requires a judge to direct a jury to convict if they believe the evidence of an accomplice regardless of whether that evidence, if true, is sufficient to uphold the charge; and

(b) deprives a judge of a discretion, in directing a jury to use the word "dangerous" or similar expression if he thinks in the circumstances of a particular case such expression should be employed with reference to the evidence of an accomplice.

The Penalties.

In these circumstances the Bill (clause 3) provides for the repeal of section 9 of the principal Ordinance and its replacement in a form designed to meet the objections above described.

Section 5(1)(d), (e) and (f) section 5(2)(c) of the principal Ordinance empower the Court and magistrates to impose penalty by disqualification from public office or pension rights in addition to the penalties of fine or imprisonment provided by the section.

It is considered that provision for additional penalty as described should not appropriately be included in the section and that the consequences of conviction for an offence under the Ordinance such as disqualification for office or pension rights should instead be determined in accordance with the terms of the constitutional instrument [e.g. Letters Patent or Royal Instructions or Ordinance or Colonial Regulations governing any such "public office" (as defined in section 2 of the principal Ordinance)].

In these circumstances the Bill (clause 2) provides for the repeal of section 5 of the principal Ordinance and its replacement so as to delete provision empowering the Court or a magistrate to adjudge an offender to be disqualified from the holding of public office or the receipt of pension.

Death Due To Misadventure

Death due to misadventure caused by shock and extensive burns, was the verdict of a jury of three men when an inquest into the death of a six-year-old girl was held at Central yesterday with Mr. A. D. Scholes as coroner.

On September 4, the girl, the eldest of four children of a boatwoman, was in the junk. The mother was boiling water to bath the children.

When the mother was at the back of the boat she heard screams and on rushing forward found the girl in a boiler containing a foot of boiling water. The mother administered oil and on the following day she was taken to a dispensary where she was attended to by a doctor. The girl was taken to Queen Mary Hospital where she died the following day.

Mr. Scholes asked the Press to give the case publicity and said: "We all know that it is extremely important that the lives of children be safeguarded as far as possible. It is the important duty of all parents to do so.

"If a child should suffer from burns or fire he should be taken to hospital at once. If a child receives medical aid at once his life might be saved and where medical treatment is delayed he might lose his life.

"It is supremely important when heating water that all precautions be taken to ensure that young children should not get near.

"There have been several cases of young children dying as a result of fire or boiling water.

"Junk people especially should take special precautions."

YMCA OFFICIAL DUE SHORTLY

The European YMCA administration staff will soon be increased when an assistant secretary to Mr. A.W. Ingram will be arriving here shortly. This announcement was made by Mr. L. Starbuck, Acting President at the Annual General Meeting of the YMCA yesterday.

Mr. Starbuck read the annual report in the absence of the President, the Hon. Mr. P.S. Cassidy, who is away on leave. Mr. Starbuck said that the President, while in the UK has made arrangement for the Assistant Secretary to take up duty here before the year's end.

MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES

A ruling that certain cautioned statements made by the accused to the police were admissible as evidence was made by Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, at the resumption of the Ticket Scalper murder trial yesterday.

The statements had been the substance of dispute by the defence as to their admissability, which had been argued by both sides for a couple of hearings in the jury's absence.

The statements were, as a result of the Court's ruling, read out in the jury's presence yesterday by Detective Sub-Inspector M. J. G. Saul, police officer in charge of the case.

Mr. Saul is assisting Mr. Heenan, Crown Counsel, who is prosecuting.

The accused in the dock are Chan Kam-chuen, Chan Kang-chuen, Kwang Hung, Leung Kan and Li Wing. They are alleged to have taken part in an attack on three ticket scalpers outside the China Theatre, Wanchai, on May 7, which resulted in the death of a ticket scalper, Chan Hoi.

Mr. V.J.L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli is representing first, second and fifth accused. The others are defended by Mr. A. J. Clifford on the instructions of Mr. A. M. L. Soares.

After formal evidence by police witnesses and by Sub-Inspector Saul, hearing was adjourned to this morning, when the latter will be subjected to cross-examination by the defence.

Motor Junk Master Sentenced

"It is a very serious offence under the present circumstances to disembark persons at a place other than a port of the Colony," Mr. D. G. Cairns declared when he imposed the maximum fine of $500 or five months' hard labour on a motor junk master at the Marine Court yesterday.

Chan Tai, 24-year-old master of the Shing On, was charged with taking eight passengers, including five Nationalist soldiers from the Chinese Nationalist troopship, Tien Ping, lying off Green Island, on Sunday morning to a place other than a port of the Colony.

Charged with a similar offence a boat mistress was fined $100. She took five persons from another troopship, Lan Chow.

Chan Tai, who was also charged with clearing port without permission from the Marine authorities, was fined $250 or two months' imprisonment.

The woman was cautioned on the second similar charge.

The Tien Ping was one of three Chinese Nationalist troopships which arrived in local waters on Saturday night.

She had on board 2,000 Nationalist soldiers who boarded the vessel at Kielung for Canton. She is on the way back to Taiwan with the troops, and called here for bunker.

Another troopship, the Foo Ming, also had 2,000 soldiers on board. She came from Hainan Island and left for Swatow with the soldiers.

WEDDINGS

Teodulo Sarreal, musician, of 57 Parkes Street, second floor, Kowloon, and Miss Emerlinda Maria da Luz, of 15 Moon Street, Hong Kong, were married at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday in the presence of R. S. Averrilla and E. J. Manalac.

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The forthcoming wedding of Jose Maria de Silva, correspondence clerk of Lane Crawford Limited, residing at 136 Gloucester Road, first floor, and Miss Laurinda Maria Crestejo, of 1 Cheong Ming Street, Happy Valley, has been announced.

Criminal Procedure Bill Amendment

The Criminal Procedure Ordinance is to be amended to make admissible all evidence relating to the circumstances in which a statement is alleged to have been made by an accused on trial by jury.

The amendment will have its First Reading at tomorrow's Legislative Council meeting.

It is a complete section to be inserted as Section 55 of the principal Ordinance.

An official explanatory note states that it is the law of England that when the Court admits in evidence a statement by an accused person the fact that the judge, in deciding whether or not the statement was voluntary, has considered and formed an opinion on evidence as to the circumstances in which the statement was made, does not prevent the jury from considering the same evidence for the purpose of deciding what weight if any should be given to the statement. In a case on appeal (Lau Hoi and another v Rex) the Full Court in Hong Kong stated the law in other terms which negatived this rule.

The object of the Bill is to restore the rule of English law as above described by inserting an appropriate section, as section 55, in the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1899.

Retaking Of Evidence

The section reads as follows:

"It is hereby declared that, if on a trial by jury of a person accused of an offence, a statement alleged to have been made by such accused person is admitted in evidence, all evidence relating to the circumstances in which the alleged statement was made shall be admissible for the purpose of enabling the jury to decide upon the weight (if any) to be given to the statement, and, if any such evidence has been taken in the absence of the jury before the admission of the statement, the Crown and such accused person shall have the right to have any such evidence retaken in the presence of the jury."

Social Welfare Projects Carried Out In Hong Kong

The Social Welfare Office was engaged in an important project during the past three months, according to the quarterly report of the Office for July-September.

During the period, there was a fast growing movement for the setting up of Kaifong Welfare Associations.

Earlier in the year a group of public-spirited citizens in the Shamshuipo district spent considerable time and money in building up their Association.

Since then equally hard-working Preparatory Committees have been organised in Shaukiwan, North Point, Causeway Bay, Happy Valley and Canal Road, Central District, Western District, and West Point; by the end of September the list was still growing.

Meanwhile, a Stanley Village Association of a similar kind, and with 100 years' of constructive work already to its credit, celebrated the opening of its new headquarters.

The aim of all these Kaifong Welfare Associations is to improve the welfare of the residents of their districts, irrespective of wealth or poverty, creed or race. They have great opportunities for contributing powerfully, through self-help and the increased well-being of their communities, towards surer social stability.

Free Meal

Work at the six Welfare Centres included the issue of one free meal to an average of 1,800 destitute people a day, of whom more than 60 per cent were children and nearly 40 per cent women unable to seek work. These gatherings provided golden opportunities for more constructive welfare work.

The experimental laundry "co-operative" for a dozen of the women who attend the Saiyingpoon Centre was firmly established with average monthly gross taking of $1,000.

Other co-operative gardening ventures were started by the children's clubs at several of the Centres.

The most successful one was at Happy Valley where ducks and hens were also reared, and where the children have started to speak up for themselves and intelligently criticise such help as the Social Welfare Office gives to their co-operative venture, instead of harbouring any demoralising feelings of obligation for what has been done for them.

During the summer vacation a group of over 60 student-teachers from the Northcote Training College voluntarily gave up much of their time to attend these six Centres and help with the Children's Clubs.

Thirty children also went for a week to a holiday camp which was organised at Chai Wan by the Boys and Girls Clubs Association.

The Squatter Screening Squad worked in Kowloon during almost the whole of the last three months.

Reminders

Today

HK Rotary Club luncheon, addresses by Consular Representatives on the NUO, Roof Garden HK Hotel 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA (for civilians and Services), 8 p.m.
Legislative Council meeting 2.30 p.m.
Exhibition of Rare Books, British Council Library, 10.30 a.m. at Fung Ping Shan Library.
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.
HK Football Association Council meeting Prince's Bldg., 5.30 p.m.
Hong Kong Reel Club Extraordinary meeting, 5.30 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Debating and Discussion Group, European YMCA, meeting at 8 p.m.
Tao II meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Mahjong Classes, European YMCA 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon at Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club luncheon at Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "It's in the Air" by Captain John Varley, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, Ladies Night, at Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

Unemployed Fitter Sentenced

Sentence of three months' imprisonment was imposed on Lam Shaung-wing, unemployed fitter, by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of effecting a public mischief.

Detective Sub-Inspector J.D. Brown said that defendant on June 20 sent a letter to the Custodian of Enemy Property regarding illegal possession of machinery by a certain factory in Kowloon, asking if he might give full information if the department was interested.

On July 10 defendant sent a letter to a factory in Kowloon touching upon the alleged illegal machinery asking the recipient of the letter to meet for discussion. The matter was reported to the police and investigations began. The Custodian of Enemy Property reported that the allegation was not true.

Defendant admitted that he wrote the letters in the hope of getting information money as he was broke.

Fined For Assault

A fine of $150 or four weeks' hard labour was imposed on Ho Chi-on, aged 27, by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday on a charge of assaulting Tam Sui-han, aged 26. Defendant was also ordered to pay complainant compensation of $100 or go to prison for an additional four weeks.

Inspector Dewar told the court that defendant and complainant were married in January this year. In May, they disagreed and later went to the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs. However, they separated.

On Saturday defendant went to complainant's house at 60 Stanley Street, third floor, and asked her to go home with him.

Complainant refused and defendant took out a small knife from his pocket and cut her twice on the face. The cut was a very small one.

JUNKS COLLIDE

Two trading junks collided inside the Yaumati Typhoon Anchorage on Sunday evening sustaining slight damage.

A dumb lighter was being towed into mooring position in the Shelter after discharging a cargo of logs at Taikokstui when her tow crashed into a stationary cargo boat.

No one was injured.

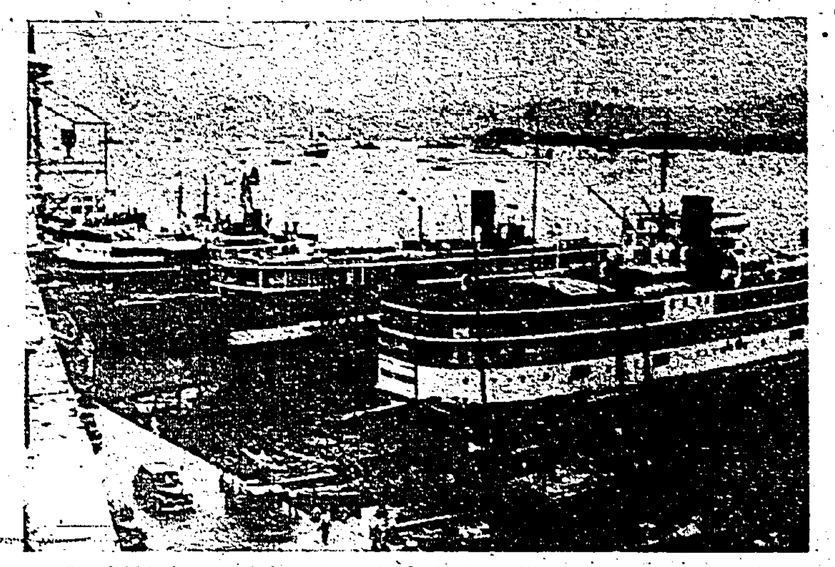
SHOPKEEPERS GET WARNING

Two shopkeepers were yesterday given 24 hours to pay their fine of $400 each by the Justices of the Peace Court on a summons for overcharging and not displaying price tags. If they fail to meet their fines the shops will be closed for three weeks.

The shopkeepers were Tang Kwon and Cheng Yu-cheung.

Two other shopkeepers were also fined $400 while the Choy Cheong and Company was fined $500.

One other shopkeeper was fined $200 and another $50.



Four British river vessels formerly on the Canton-Hong Kong run are seen here alongside the Praya awaiting resumption of the service. From right to left: Fatshan (Butterfield and Swire), Wusueh (B. and S.), Sing Hing and Wing Hing (Ta Hing). The Sing Hing will ply on the Macao run. The Wusueh leaves at the week-end for Macao. ("China Mail" Photo).

NATIONALIST BLOCKADE DRAWS CLOSER TO HK

The Nationalist sea blockade of Chinese Communist ports has evidently been drawn closer to Hong Kong over the week-end.

Several Chinese Nationalist Navy gunboats patrolling the Pearl River Delta prevented the mv. Kwai Wah, which left the Colony on Sunday night to maintain the sea link with the Kwangtung capital, from proceeding upstream to Canton early yesterday morning.

As a result of this latest development in the South China situation, river shipping here came to a standstill yesterday.

The Chinese river vessels, Tinley and Kam Sing, both cargo craft, which originally intended to continue running on the Canton-Hong Kong service, cancelled their departure in the afternoon.

Small native craft, plying between the Colony and the East and West Rivers ports—Waichow, Shekling and Kongmoon—have adopted a "wait and see" policy. Only one motor junk cleared for Tungkun yesterday.

The 350-ton Chinese river vessel Kwai Wah left the Colony on Sunday night—the first to leave for Canton after the Nationalists evacuated—with no cargo and some 20 passengers.

On reaching Sa Kok in the Pearl River Delta at 5 a.m. yesterday, the master noticed several gunboats.

Three naval craft flying the Kuomintang flag approached and signalled to the Kwai Wah not to proceed any further.

Shots Fired

Several machine-gun shots followed almost immediately.

The master was warned that no river vessels would be allowed to enter the Pearl River. He was ordered to return to his original port.

There were several other gunboats patrolling the Delta area.

The Kwai Wah retreated some 1,000 yards, and the master decided to run the blockade. But on second thoughts he resumed his journey back to Hong Kong, where he arrived at 11 a.m. yesterday.

The compradore of the Chinese river vessel said that when he returned from Canton on Saturday night there were no naval movements in the Pearl River vicinity.

The fleet might have gathered to enforce the blockade on Sunday, he added.

Ships Laid Up

In the meantime, former Canton-Hong Kong vessels are laid up along the Connaught Road Praya as a result of the fall of the Kwangtung capital.

Several have already joined the Macao run.

Ta Hing and Company, which operated the Sing Hing and Wing Hing, both flying the Red Ensign, on the Canton route declared last evening that the Sing Hing will return to her former Macao run. She left last night.

Meanwhile, the Wing Hing will remain until the Canton service resumes.

Butterfield and Swire reported that the Wusueh will leave as usual at the week-ends for Macao on special "holiday trips."

During week days both the Fatshan and Wusueh will be laid up.

Plans Vague

Other local river shipping firms seemed rather vague as to future operations of their immobile vessels.

The Ming Sung Industrial Company, which operates several de luxe river vessels—Hu Men, Fu Men, Chih Men, Shih Men and Chien Men—on both the Macao and Canton runs, announced that until word is received from their Canton agents no plans will be made.

"We cannot take the initiative in resuming operations. Our head office is in Chungking. So you can see the delicate position our local organisation is in now," a senior official declared yesterday.

"If an offer comes from Canton for a resumption of the service, we will have to consider it seriously. The decision can be made by our limited company in the Colony, independent of the Chungking head Office," he said.

"I'm afraid we can do nothing at present but wait and study developments," he added.

Passengers From Macao

With the laying up of the two former Canton vessels, the company is "losing" an average of HK$10,000 a day.

"We are still maintaining our Macao service with two of the Men fleet. The rates have been revised again but compared to the original rates they are still below par," the official said.

The Macao fleet will not be augmented.

"For the past few days, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of passengers coming from Macao," he revealed.

"Perhaps, Macao is becoming the springboard of Chinese refugees fleeing from the Communists now that Canton and Kongmoon are occupied," he remarked.

Another place which has been affected by the Communist Southward advance is Kongmoon, the main West River port, which had been supplying the Colony with a considerable amount of fresh foodstuff.

Waiting For Clarification

The Kwangsi Navigation Company, operating the sister ships, Kwei Shan and Kwei Hai, reported that no sailings will be made until the situation at Kongmoon is clarified.

Both the Kwei Hai and Kwei Shan will remain in port and will not be diverted to any other route.

Another British river vessel, the Hong Kong, formerly on the Canton run, has also joined the Macao fleet.

Three British vessels and two Chinese arrived yesterday from the Portuguese port bringing altogether more than 1,200 passengers. The British vessel Lee Hong and Kwong Sai had 510 and 302, respectively.

More than six vessels cleared for Macao last night.

FINED FOR IMPORTING SILVER INTO HK

For importing eight packages containing 249 silver bars weighing about 6,500 taels into the Colony on board the Fatshan without a permit, a stoker, Wong Bing, aged 56, was fined $250 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

According to Revenue Inspector Millington a search was carried out on board the ss. Fatshan on October 15.

The boat arrived from Canton and the silver was found hidden in the port side of the boiler room behind the boiler top-drum.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan for the defence said that the silver was sent by the Hung Shing Money Exchange in Canton to another money changer in Hong Kong.

"The situation in Canton on October 15 was critical," continued Mr. Kwan, and the Hung Shing Money Exchange intended to remove to Hong Kong all their belongings which included 10 bags of silver.

"In the meantime, the Hung Shing had made an application for a permit in the Colony, and the silver was to have been loaded on board the Fatshan which was due to leave for Hong Kong on October 15 and by then the licence would be issued."

Unfortunately the Fatshan left Canton on October 14 and, due to the shortage of time, only eight packages of silver were loaded.

"The eight packages were concealed in the boiler room as in this case it would distract the attention of looters," continued Mr. Kwan.

Mr. Kwan then asked the court to treat the case leniently and it was a technical offence.

The silver bars, valued at $24,000, were ordered to be returned to the defendant.

A remand of 24 hours was granted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo in the case of Tong Ming-hui, aged 40.

Defendant was charged with importing four cases and a suitcase of silver coins into the Colony without a permit. Defendant was allowed bail of $5,000.

Sixth Man Involved In Rice Case

Charged with aiding and abetting in the stealing of 50 bags of government rice before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday, Leung Pui-sang, No. 1 godown man of the Green Island Cement Godown, became the sixth man to be involved with five others who faced various counts of stealing a large quantity of rice.

The others are: Ho Wai-lam, alias William Ho, cargo supervisor of the Government Rice Station; Ho Tin-shing; Cheung Kwan, shop coolie of the Hip Yick Government Rice Depot; Cheung Lum, cook at the depot; and Lau Cheong, No 1 godown man of Godown No 38C of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Godown Company.

Ho Wai-lam was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, while Mr. A.S.C. Comber represented Ho shing and Leung Pui-sang. Both counsels asked that bail be set for their clients.

Mr. A. A. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent of Police attached to the Anti-Corruption Branch, opposed bail on the ground that the authorities are still investigating. Mr. d'Almada said that if investigations were not completed during the next seven days he would consider bail.

The case was adjourned until November 21.

Ex-Soldier Sentenced

An ex-soldier, Lau Chung-ching, aged 40, was given the option of a fine of $150 or four weeks hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday on a charge of possession of arms without a permit.

Defendant was on board a ship from Swatow which arrived in the Colony on Sunday. On arrival defendant handed a revolver and some rounds of ammunition to the compradore.

Later a search was made of defendant's luggage and a pistol and ammunition were found in a suitcase.

Defendant told the court that the luggage belonged to a friend.

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Type of Fish	First quality price a catty	Average price a catty
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White Pomfret (small)	2.00	1.95
Macao Sole (large)	1.46	1.06
Macao Sole (small)	1.00	.92
Golden Thread	1.15	1.02
Copper Pike	1.25	1.08
White Herring	1.65	1.62
Hair Tail	.98	.76

List Of Criminal Sessions

A case of throwing corrosive fluid with intent to wound and three of demanding money with menaces are included in the list of the October Criminal Sessions, which start this morning, when pleas will be taken in the following order:—

Li Wah alias Wong Sing—breach of a deportation order.

Li Fan alias Lee Fan alias Li Fun alias Li Loi—breach of a deportation order.

Kwok Hoi-ching alias Kwok Hang-tung—two counts each of uttering a letter demanding money with menaces and possession of a letter demanding money with menaces.

Huen Sui-wan—throwing corrosive fluid with intent.

Chu Wai-man alias Tang Kin—uttering a letter demanding money with menaces.

Chan Koon-cheung—(1) robbery with aggravation, (2) forcible detention (3) possession of arms and (4) shooting with intent.

Lau Chik-sun—two counts of uttering a letter demanding money with menaces.

Pang Tit-kin—possession of forged bank notes.

Chan Hon-chuen alias Lo Kwok-hung alias Chuen Tsai—three counts each of robbery with aggravation.

The ticket scalper murder trial now in progress was formally adjourned to this Session.

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It has been the practice of the Department of Commerce and Industry when issuing import licences for Malayan rubber to insist on an affidavit regarding the use to which the rubber will be put, whether for local consumption or for re-export.

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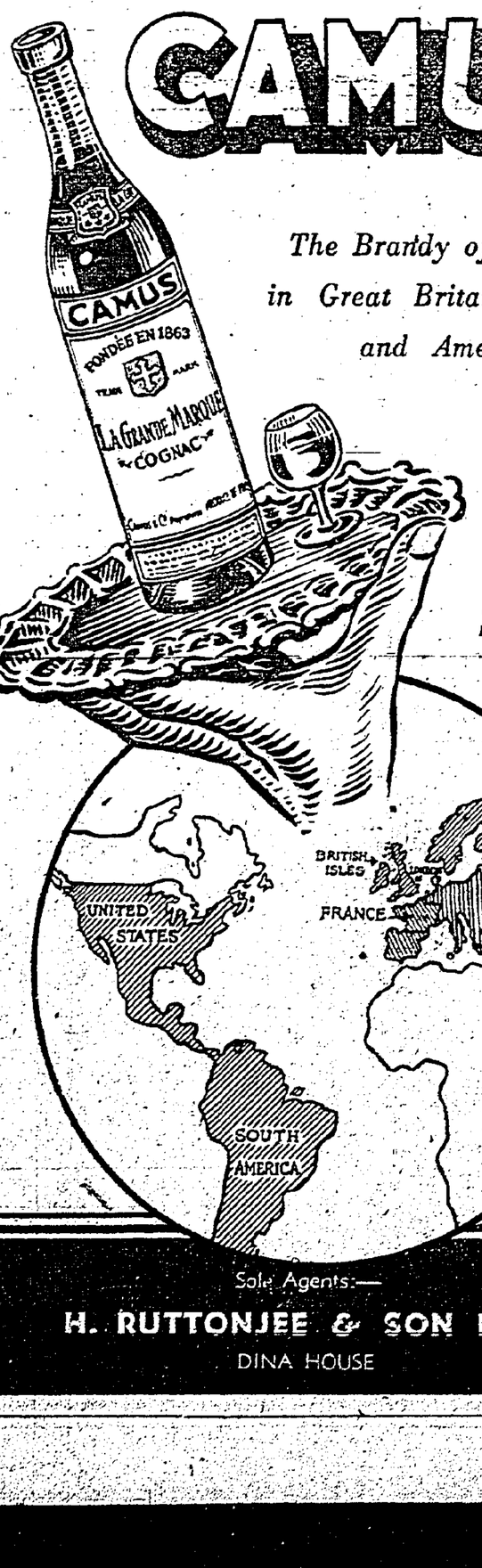

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Owing to the fact that the Totalisator System is not yet in working order, the Trial Race Meeting which was to have been held on Tuesday, October 18, 1949, has been cancelled.

D. L. PROPHET,
Acting Secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Jeoan Lina De Maria Chan sometimes Spelt Chain of 26 Caine Rd., H.K. is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

CAPITANIA DOS PORTOS DE MACAU
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It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ONE STEEL MOTOR-DRIVEN WATER TANKER AND FIREFLOAT" will be received at the office of the above mentioned department up till noon on the 30th November 1949.

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Yugoslav Seat On Council?

Lake Success, October 16.

A Western diplomatic source predicted today that Yugoslavia will be granted a seat in the United Nations Security Council despite furious Russian opposition.

A Yugoslav victory would deprive the Russians of one of their two sure votes in the 11-nation Council. There have been hints that such an eventuality might bring drastic results to the U.N.

The U.N. Assembly will choose on Thursday between American-backed Yugoslavia and Russian-sponsored Czechoslovakia for the seat now held by Soviet Ukraine.

The U.N. Secretary General, Trygve Lie, has issued several denials of rumours that Russia threatened to leave the United Nations unless the Czechs are elected.

The informant who predicted a Yugoslav victory termed the Russian campaign as "blackmail."

In another quarter, progress is reported in efforts to settle the prolonged East-West conflict in the Balkans. The Assembly President, General Carlos P. Romulo, who heads the committee trying to bring about reconciliation, is optimistic.—Associated Press.

Collins Visits Okinawa

Tokyo, October 16.

The U.S. Army Chief of Staff General J. Lawton Collins left by plane for Okinawa this morning on a hurried one day inspection trip of that strategic island.

General Collins will return to Tokyo tonight. The time of his departure for Washington has not been announced although he is expected to appear before a Congressional Committee there on Tuesday.

The call to return to his post in Washington forced the General to cut out of his inspection trip a planned visit to the 25th Division at Osaka. General Collins led the division at Guadalcanal in the first large scale fighting in the South Pacific before he was called to the European theatre to become one of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's best known Corps Commanders.—Associated Press.

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FINAL NOTICE

All those who have received their entry forms for Firms, Government Offices, Schools, Churches, Clubs, Services etc. are kindly requested to revise and return them to us not later than October 15, otherwise they will be put in the Addenda Section.

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North Pole Was Once Inhabited

Washington, October 16.

Pictograph records inscribed on a whalebone found in the stone ruins on the far northern Cornwallis Island in the Canadian Arctic are regarded by the Smithsonian Institution as "conclusive evidence" that the North Polar region was once inhabited by a "race of intellectuals."

Dr. Harry Collins, Jr., of the Smithsonian staff, and his assistant, J. P. Michea of the National Museum of Canada, made the discovery this summer while probing the ruins of ancient villages in the region, which is now entirely uninhabited.

They estimated that the villages were built over 500 years ago by the Thules, a Nomadic but highly civilised tribe of the Eskimos which had its origin in Northern Alaska.

Among the choice relics found was a whale bone "snow knife" on which was inscribed a pictorial story of the whale hunt. Other pictographs were realistically drawn which show that the Thules were accomplished artists.

Unique among the finds were a combination stone and pottery lamp made of a limestone slab and a sealskin bag containing whale blubber. Among other discoveries were a wide range of implements made of bone, ivory and stone.

Dr. Collins said: "The culture must have flourished at a time when conditions in the Arctic were better suited to human inhabitation than is the case today."—United Press.

Schacht Has Close Shave

Duesseldorf, October 16.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's Finance Minister, was taken into protective custody tonight after 500 demonstrators entered his hotel and beat up another man whom they mistook for him.

The demonstrators followed him into the lobby of the hotel when he arrived by car and a general scuffle followed.

The crowd carried streamers saying: "There is no place here for war criminals" and "Schacht, disappear."

Dr. Schacht, who had locked himself in his hotel room with his wife, was offered protective custody by the police. He was then taken away in a police car while the crowd shouted after him.

Following Dr. Schacht into the hotel lobby, the demonstrators earlier caught hold of an elderly man resembling him and knocked him down and dragged him into the road.—Reuter.

MALTA LABOUR PARTY LEADER

Valetta, October 16.

The former Minister of Works, Mr. D. Mintoff, was today unanimously elected leader of Malta's Labour Party at the Party's General Conference.

The Party last week passed a vote of censure on Dr. Paul Boffa, as leader of the Party and as Prime Minister. About 200 members attended the conference. The majority of moderate elements were absent.—Reuter.

Yugoslavia Accuses Rumania

Belgrade, October 16.

Yugoslavia today accused Rumania of participating in a Soviet-sponsored plan to fan hatred and nationalistic aspirations against the Yugoslav Government to cause disunity in the Balkans.

The charge was contained in a note handed to the Rumanian Legation here in reply to Rumania's recent denunciation of her 20-year treaty of friendship with Yugoslavia.

The note was similar to the recent Yugoslav replies to Hungary and Bulgaria.

The note said that hostile acts by the Rumanians included "unbearable police terror towards Yugoslav minorities in Rumania", "support of both demoralised and bribed Yugoslav citizens" and attempts to subvert Marshal Tito's regime.

It also complained of expulsion of diplomats, provocation by border patrol and frontier incidents, and violation of air space.—Reuter.

Change In Policy Demanded

London, October 16.

The influential weekly review, "The Economist," today called for a swift change in the Allied policy in Germany to meet the challenge of the new Soviet-sponsored regime in the Eastern Zone.

It proposed a peace treaty with the Bonn Government, recognising German independence and a volunteer international military force to represent the Brussels Pact governments, in which Germans could enlist.

"The weight of Bonn is now matched against the cunning of Berlin," "The Economist" declared in a leading article.

"Matters have come to such a pass that governments which undertook to reform and disarm and re-educate Hitler's Germany are already bidding for the favour of the Germanies of Dr. Adenauer and Herr Pieck.

"That this is so is a measure of the imbecility of the Allied policies towards Germany from the days of saturation bombing and unconditional surrender onwards."—Reuter.

PEASANT FINDS GIANT SKULL

Naples, October 16.

An Italian peasant digging a well in the rock-strewn Liri Valley, near Fresinone, today uncovered a giant elephant skull believed to be between 50,000 and 60,000 years old.

The animal's huge tusks were still intact. The skull of another prehistoric elephant was discovered in the same area in 1926.

Experts believe that they may have uncovered an ancient elephant graveyard—the secret place to which dying elephants are said to go instinctively.

Professor Darasmo, of Naples University, declared today that the skull was an almost perfect example of the extinct elephant type.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE TO MEMBERS
Eighth Race Meeting
Saturday — 22nd October, 1949.

There are ten races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (19 Races—$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race. Tickets in the Cash Sweep on the last race may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 882 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
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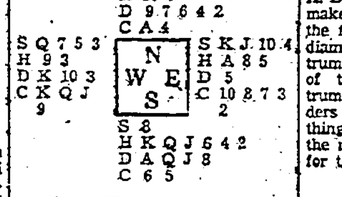
NO HABIT ON FINESSING

IT IS UNWISE to have any fixed habit regarding finesses, as so many average players have. They seem to feel that a finesse gains for them if it wins and at the worst costs nothing if it fails. That is untrue. There are many situations in which it is more important to gain the lead at once than to seek a trick by means of a finesse. So the best players have no habit at all regarding finesses, but judge each situation on the basis of the facts that apply to it.



(Dealer West. Both sides vulnerable.)

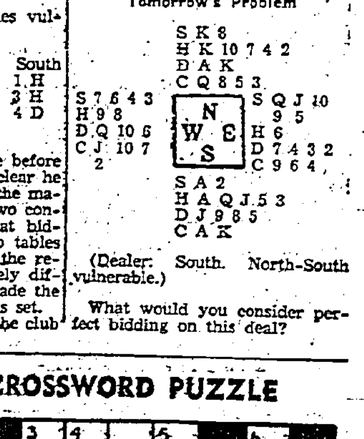
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 H
Pass	1 S	Pass	2 H
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 D
Pass	4 H		

Having bid hearts twice before diamonds, South made it clear he had at least six cards of the major suit, so that North's two constituted safe support. That bidding was identical at two tables of a duplicate game, but the result of the deal was widely different. One declarer made the contract and the other was set.

At each table West led the club K, the A winning and the heart 10 giving the lead to the A of East, who then returned the diamond 5. The losing declarer seized the chance for an early finesse—according to his habit—putting in the Q. When West won this with the K, he repeated diamonds with the 3, which East ruffed with the heart 5. The club 3 to the J then made the defense's fourth trick, beating the contract, and another diamond ruff set it two.

The other South saw, when East returned the diamond 5 to the third trick, the danger that it was a singleton and West had the K. But he also saw a sure way to make the contract by refusing the finesse. He came in with the diamond A so that he could lead trumps at once. Two more rounds of them took out East's last trump. From there in, the defenders could not possibly take anything except one trick each in the minors, making three all told for them.

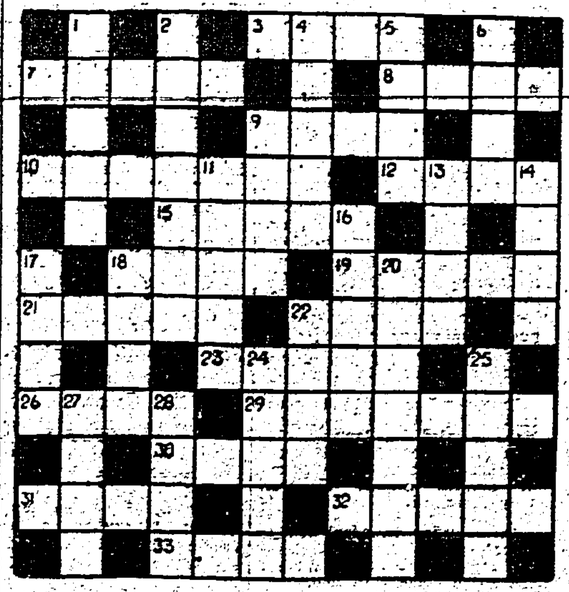
Tomorrow's Problem



(Dealer South. North-South vulnerable.)

What would you consider perfect bidding on this deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

8 Stalk.
7 Hesitate.
8 Egress.
9 Rescue.
10 Uniform.
12 Tax.
15 Sweet stuff.
18 Lake.
19 Likeness.
21 Commerce.
22 Egg-shaped.
23 Seat.
26 Defile.
29 Akin.
30 Impoverished.
31 Bill of fare.
32 Tree.
33 Beams.

Down

1 Manservant.
2 Declined to accept.
4 Diadem.
5 Fitting.
6 Beak.
9 Wise.
11 Enticed.
13 Spoken.
14 Legal right.
16 Competitor.
17 Pace.
18 Multitude.
20 Boss.
22 Past.
24 Sarcasm.
25 Slacken.
27 Assert.
28 Goad.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 System, 7 Elm, 9 Greed, 10 Recur, 11 Anew, 13 Abdicating, 15 Tell, 16 Disc, 19 Transgress, 22 Rare, 24 Peace, 25 Alien, 26 News, 27 Sudden.

DOWN:—2 Yield, 3 Tonic, 4 Merits, 5 Decanter, 6 Pare, 8 Lunge, 12 Wilts, 13 Adder, 14 Increase, 17 Strew, 18 Angers, 20 Guard, 21 Elite, 23 Apex.

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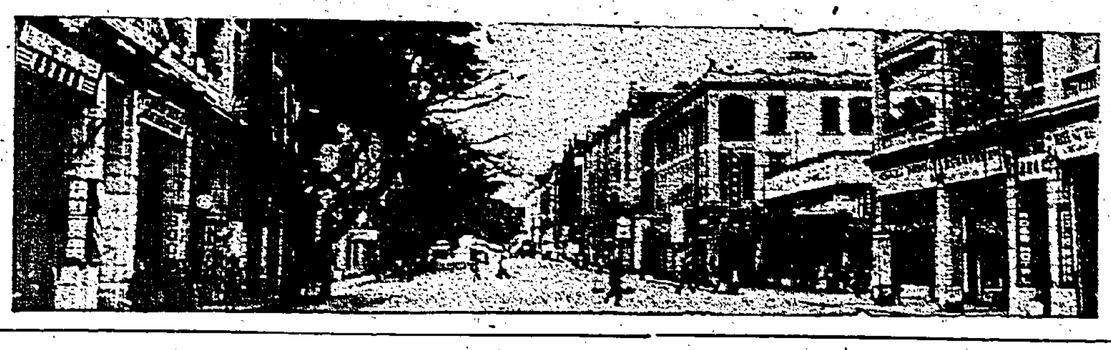

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TOUR ROUND KOWLOON

True to her name, Kowloon or Nine Dragons (in Chinese meaning) has nine main streets. Each of them plays an important role on the mainland in joining one district with the other.

Going to Kowloon from the island by Star Ferry, one lands in the Tsim Sha Tsui district where most of the mainland's business houses, all of Kowloon's important wharfs and the Kowloon terminus station of the Sino-British Kowloon-Canton Railway, are located.

Also in this district are Kowloon's most luxurious hotels private apartments and popular shopping centre.

In this district three of the nine main streets of Kowloon serve the public in way of communication on the Southern most tip of the Kowloon Peninsula.

The three streets are Nathan Road, Salisbury Road and Chatham Road.

Every bus that is parked at the Tsim Sha Tsui terminus bus station starts its trip on Salisbury Road.

The famous Peninsula Hotel is on this road. Aside from the hotel where almost all of the international airlines' offices are housed, the general Post Office for the mainland, the terminus Fire Station and the Tsim Sha Tsui Land Police Station as well as Marine Police Station, are on Salisbury Road.

Going along the road away from the Star Ferry Wharf, along Kowloon's Southernmost waterfront and reaching a road cross step where Nathan Road meets Salisbury Road, a former vacant lot of land is now one of the major parking depot for military vehicles.

Prior to the military take-over, the lot had been the site of circuses and exhibitions.

Nathan Road, the main thoroughfare on the mainland, runs for more than two miles into the peninsula. It runs roughly through three districts, the Tsim Sha Tsui, the Yaumati and the Mongkok districts.

Shopping Centre

On this road, main shopping centres on the mainland and many of the best apartments are situated. Both Lane Crawford and the Dairy Farm have their Kowloon branches on Nathan Road.

Also on this road the only sky-scraper in Kowloon is being built.

Except for Number 5 route buses, all Kowloon buses which have their terminus at the Tsim Sha Tsui district follow this road. At the whole Nathan Road is the most travelled-on road on the mainland.

A few hundred yards away from the one-mile stone on Nathan Road, another main thoroughfare leads into the well known road forming a perfect cross.

This is Jordan Road crossing Nathan Road almost at the middle of its entire length. Jordan Road begins at the waterfront North West of the Star Ferry Kowloon wharf and ends in the King's Park district where most of the mainland's sport clubs are located.

Every day cars by thousands travel on this road to the vehicular ferry that carries motor vehicles across the harbour to Hong Kong.

With re-inforcements arriving in the Colony to boost the Colony's defences the Jordan Road vehicular ferry is considered to be one of the many places on the mainland which is of military value.

Lack of a bridge or a tunnel across the harbour makes Jordan Road in some ways more important than Nathan Road, although the former is much shorter than the latter.

Residential Area

Further down Nathan Road, about half a mile from the first milestone, comes Waterloo Road.

It also begins from the waterfront, but a little to the North of the Jordan Road sea end. The Waterloo Road links Nathan Road with Kowloon Tong (North East of the peninsula)—the mainland residential area.

About two miles long, Waterloo Road at one part has steep inclines on one side. Before reaching at Kowloon Tong it also passes Homantin, another residential area on the mainland.

Crossing both Waterloo Road and Nathan Road as one goes further North along Nathan Road is Argyle Street. This street is well known because it not only joins the Kowloon City district with the main part of Kowloon, but also because the Kowloon Hospital is located on it.

The Kowloon Hospital, the only Government hospital in Kowloon is on a slightly higher level very near to the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street. Next to the hospital is a vacant lot of land which the military authorities recently took over.

Argyle Street is the nerve centre of Mongkok district which next to Yaumati district.

Not far from Argyle Street on Nathan Road is the Mongkok police station.

Nathan Road is the Mongkok Road still further North of Nathan Road. Prince Edward Road runs Eastward and links Nathan Road with Kai Tak airport. This road has recently been made "beautified" by many safety island in the middle of the road.

Beach Resorts

Passing the entrance to Prince Edward Road, Nathan Road looses itself in the Southern end of Castle Peak Road. On Sundays and other holidays, this road is particularly crowded with picnic makers and swimming parties for this is the way to Lai Chi Kok beach and many other resort spots in the New Territories.

One of the nine main streets on the mainland which attracts Chinese residents is Shanghai Street. Like Shanghai, this street is always crowded with people. There is never a dull moment on this street.

All along the street Chinese seasoned food stores, tea houses, and other native stores help given the street more of an Oriental touch than other streets on the mainland.

Commercial terms directly translated from English but painted in Chinese characters are not a rare sight among the many signboards on the street.

In the pre-war days, number 10 route bus used to appear on Shanghai Street. Today very few cars can be seen on the street which has become more or less a play ground for Chinese shop fokis after dark.

Running parallel with Nathan Road, Shanghai Street begins from Jordan Road a few blocks away from the waterfront, and loses itself Northward into the Shamshuipo district.

Without using either Waterloo Road, Argyle Street or Prince Edward Road, there is a short cut from the Star Ferry to the Kowloon City district where the Colony's airport is located.

This short cut is to travel straight along Salisbury Road after leaving the ferry wharf, instead of turning into Nathan Road.

About a quarter of a mile away from the ferry Salisbury Road continue into Chatham Road, one of the many beautiful roads on the mainland. The Harbour View Hotel is on Chatham Road.

The first half of the road runs almost parallel to the KCR railway track but as the road continues North Eastward, it runs slightly higher than the track till it finally crosses the rails by way of a bridge. Not far away from the bridge are the Kowloon and Whampao Dockyards.

KOWLOON SHOPPING BARGAINS

Lane Crawford's in Kowloon are selling all kinds of bread.

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The Swatow Weng Lee Company, in Nathan Road, near Peking Road, has recently reinforced their large stock of silks.

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Perhaps you also want some new carpets. Then you should visit the Carpet Industrial, also situated in Nathan Road.

Cashmere carpets, Peking rugs and other Northern Chinese products can all be had here. The Industrial also sells silk, brocades, embroideries and other materials.

E. C. Fincher's is a fairyland of toys.

Miniature furniture for girls, plastic modern warfare weapon-models and jig-saw puzzles are among the hundred and one toys you can find in this store.

The National Toy Company is another known dealer in kiddies' things. Not only toys but baby clothes can be obtained.

Then there is the Sunny Company, another shop for toys and clothes for the children.

For latest fashions in gowns and dresses for all occasions, Tamara May's store in the Peninsula Hotel is a place you must visit.

Ready-made imported dresses and other dresses for special evenings can all be bought at Tamara May's.

Tamara May's also takes orders for all kinds of evening gowns.

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WHALE CATCH

Shimonoseki, October 16.

Two hundred and forty whales ranging from two to 10 metres in size were bagged by a fishing company near Goto island off Nagasaki Prefecture on Kyushu island, according to a report received here.

The catch, valued at 10,000,000 yan, followed the discovery of a school of about 250 whales near Goto island on October 10.—United Press.

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ABDULLAH MEETING WITH IRAQ PREMIER

Amman, October 16.

The Iraqi Premier, Nuri es Said, conferred here today with King Abdullah of Jordan. They were understood to have reviewed the general policy to be followed by Jordan and Iraqi on United Nations proposals for the Middle East.

Nuri es Said later continued his journey to Alexandria for the meeting of the Arab League's General Assembly which opens tomorrow. He was accompanied by the Jordan delegation.

The fusion of Iraq and Syria will be one of the subjects to be discussed at this meeting, according to some reports.

Informed sources believed that Iraq had changed her attitude since announcing that she would not co-operate with the United Nations' Middle East Economic Survey Group which is trying to solve the Palestine-Arab refugee problem.

Iraq's official explanation was that she could not absorb refugees.

But now the Iraqi Premier is reported to have told Mr. Gordon Clapp, Chairman of the Survey Group, that Iraq was prepared to co-operate on conditions. He said he was prepared to exchange Iraqi Jews for Palestine Arab refugees provided Jewish property in Iraq was handed over as "compensation."

Large irrigable areas in Northern Iraq, fed by the rivers forming the frontier with Syria, are regarded as suitable for the settlement of refugees.

Mr. Clapp announced yesterday that the Mission's preliminary talks with Middle East Governments on the re-settlement of Arab refugees were complete.

Reports here said that a 12-man American Congressional mission would arrive in the Middle East this week to study the organisational structure necessary to carry out the Clapp mission's recommendations. It was understood that American capital would form the major contribution to the scheme.

Usually well-informed sources said that the Arab Governments had rejected Mr. Clapp's suggestion that a United Nations executive agency undertake to carry out the proposed schemes.—Reuter.

Tito City Planner

Marshal Tito (2nd from left) looks over a plan of New Belgrade, the city which Yugoslavia is building at the junction of the Sava and Danube rivers. The city will be Yugoslavia's capital when it is finished. With Marshal Tito are, an unidentified architect (left); Edvard Kardelj, Foreign Minister, and Aleksander Rankovich (right) Minister of the Interior. — (AP Photo).

RUSSIAN ENVOY TO EAST GERMANY

Berlin, October 16.

Russia entrusted the guidance of the East German Republic today to a tight-lipped diplomat who pulled the strings for the Communist coup in Hungary after the war.

Naming Gregori M. Pushkin as chief of its diplomatic mission, the Soviet Union became the first power in the world to grant legal recognition to the nine-day-old state.

German Communists said Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl's government in East Berlin will soon have formal diplomatic relations with five other powers — Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

They are jubilant over the prospect that the Eastern Republic is headed toward top rank among Soviet satellites in Europe.

Stalin's goodwill message last week, in which he described the German Soviet people as the strongest in Europe, was repeated over and over by Communist propaganda today.

Pushkin was replaced as Soviet Ambassador in Hungary last June, his handiwork of a "people's Democracy" complete.

In four post-war years he helped Matyas Rakosi and other Moscow-trained revolutionaries to break Hungary's largest party, the Small Landholders, and to smother Catholic resistance in a dominantly Catholic country.

Red Weakness

Milestones in Pushkin's Budapest career included the trial and conviction of Cardinal Midszenty, the resignation of Small Landholder President Zoltan Tildy and the hanging of his son-in-law and the entrapment of allegedly pro-Tito Communists headed by ex-Foreign Minister Laszlo Rajk.

In East Germany, Pushkin will find President Wilhelm Pieck and Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl as devoted as Rakosi to Moscow policy.

He will also find that Communists are in a small minority but conceal their numerical weakness through a "national front" and evasion of popular elections.

It will be no novelty for him that many Germans have a deep-seated enmity toward the Soviet Union. Many Hungarians had the same feeling.

People's Police

The East German Republic has a people's police, like Hungary's indoctrinated by Communist teachers. It has converted thousands of private businesses to people's ownership. Leaders of its non-Communist parties—the Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats — have been pressured into active endorsement of announced Communist aims.

These include renunciation of former German territories acquired by the Soviet bloc, unqualified support of Cominform policy in international affairs and enforcement of a constitution clearly patterned after older people's democracies in Eastern Europe.

Prime Minister Grotewohl is reported to be engaged today in considering a list of Communist candidates for East Germany's first envoy to Moscow.

Besides Pushkin as chief dipomat, the Soviet Union will maintain a control commission here until a peace treaty is concluded.—Associated Press.

NEW RUSSO-GERMAN PACT FORESHADOWED BY STALIN MESSAGE

London, October 16.

Generalissimo Stalin's message to the President of the new East Zone German Republic reads like the prelude to a new Soviet-German Pact.

After saying that Germany and Russia bore the greatest sacrifices in the last war, the Soviet head of state goes on to declare that the two peoples "possess the greatest potential in Europe for great actions of world importance."

The existence of "peace-loving" governments simultaneously in Germany and Russia "excludes the possibility of new wars in Europe," he added.

The new Soviet policy towards Germany contrasts sharply with the proposals for a joint control of Germany by the occupying powers which were tabled by the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, at the beginning of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris.

On that occasion, less than six months ago, Moscow advocated a return to a rigid system of four-power control which would have shorn the German people of the measure of independence granted the Western Zones under the Bonn Constitution.

Now, in the words of Generalissimo Stalin, the relationship of the new Eastern German Communist Government and the Soviet Union "makes impossible the enslaving of the European countries by the world imperialists."

Since most Western observers agree that Soviet policy remains consistent in its long-term aims and fluctuates only for tactical reasons, it is generally assumed here that the real control of governmental authority in Germany will remain in Soviet hands through picked German Communists, even more securely than if a return to quadripartite Military Government had been accepted by the Western powers.

A Paradox

Paradoxically, though the Soviet-sponsored Government of the Eastern Zone claims to be the government of all Germany with its capital in Berlin, the Soviet sector of Berlin only sends observers to the Parliament of the Eastern Zone.

The Western occupying powers today agreed in Bonn to extend the representation of the Western sectors of Berlin in Bonn by granting them full rights in the Upper Chamber of the Federal Parliament.

This retention by both sides of a special status for Berlin is most easily explained by assuming that both Moscow and the Western Allies feel it necessary to retain a greater measure of direct control in Berlin while the city is administratively and politically divided than they insist upon in the Zones.

The system also leaves the door open for a possible resumption of four-power co-operation in Germany should a situation arise where it was in the interest of the occupying powers.

West's Choice

At Lake Success, none of the current problems before the United Nations have yet reached a decisive stage. Some observers anticipate that the election of new non-permanent members of the Security Council may yet provide one of the highlights of the present session.

If Yugoslavia stands as a rival to Czechoslovakia, as now appears certain, the main Western powers will be faced with a delicate choise. If they do not support Czechoslovakia, whose candidature Moscow considers sufficiently important to make it the subject of diplomatic notes to member States, then they will be open to the charge of breaking the understanding for the balance of power in the Security Council —which in any case appears in danger of dislocation in the other sense through the advent of Communist China.

If, on the other hand, they do not back Yugoslavia, they are equally open to the charge that Western democracy, for all its declared opposition to the Soviet Union, will not back the first successful rebel against the Soviet Union.

The latest purges in Czechoslovakia, which appear to be the most flagrant violation of essential liberties yet perpetrated in that country, may tend to tip the scale in the voting by alienating those powers which would otherwise have felt bound to support Czechoslovakia on principle.

In Paris on November 3 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe will have an opportunity to pass judgment on the achievements of the first meeting of the Consultative Assembly in Strasbourg.

New Realities

The recommendations of the Strasbourg Assembly in the economic field, calling for the re-establishment of convertibility of European currencies and the systematic promotion of inter-European trade, must be adjusted to the new realities of devaluation and its aftermath.

The arrival today in London of M. Henri Spaak, the President of the Assembly, who will have talks at the Treasury, is understood to be party for the purpose of discussing with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, the repercussions of devaluation on the Council of Europe's efforts to promote economic unity in Europe.

M. Spaak, it is worth recalling, was reported to have considered as a major blunder Britain's decision to negotiate the dollar gap issue alone in Washington instead of insisting on a general conference embracing all those other powers with similar problems.

He will probably wish to know something of the "consequential action" which the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has announced will be taken by Britain and how this action will affect co-operation between Britain and the other members of the Council of Europe.

In a wider politico-economic field, the passage through London this week of Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, on his way to Washington, raises three complex inter-related problems:

1. How the effects of devaluation within the Commonwealth are going to be faced:
2. How much the political role of India as a potential bastion against the advance of Communism in the Far East entitles her to a privileged share of the Commonwealth pool of dollars.
3. How much the United States is prepared to invest in Indian development, and on what terms.—Reuter.

JEWISH "CRISIS MISSION"

Paris, October 16.

A "crisis mission" of 10 leaders of the United Jewish Appeal Fund left here by air tonight for Israel.

The members of the mission will confer with the Israel Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion on measures to deal with 85,000 immigrants, now in tents and barracks, before winter comes.

An American Joint Distribution communique announced: "A $15,000,000 fund has already "A $15,000,000 fund has already been established to care for sick, aged and disabled Jews in Israel.

"The immigration crisis is the result of a new influx of Jewish refugees within the past two weeks."

The mission will also discuss with the Finance Minister, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, the amount of aid needed from American Jews in 1950 to develop Israel and care for the "hard core" of refugees.

Members of the "Crisis Mission" will report to a national conference in Atlantic City on November 25, where a 1950 nation-wide aid campaign will be planned.

Accompanying the Mission are Mr. Harry Greenstein, Jewish Affairs Advisor to Mr. John J. McCloy, U.S. High Commissioner in Germany, and Mr. Henry Bernstein, Executive Vice-President of the United Jewish Appeal.—Reuter.

HLI INSPECTED BY PRINCESS

Inverness, October 16.

Princess Margaret saw part of her new regiment today.

She inspected the First Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry in her first official engagement as the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief.

The inspection was at nearby Fort George, near Balmoral Castle, her holiday home.—Associated Press.

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COSMOS AERATED WATER CO. OPENS IN HONG KONG

Opening of the Cosmos Aerated Water Company, Limited, in Hongkong, was announced recently at a gala party held at the far-east city. It is the second such enterprise to figure in beverage industry news in recent months. Hubert G. H. Wong, who operates the new business, is the brother of Henry Wong G. Hong, who operates the long-established Cosmos Aerated Water Company in Manila, Philippine Islands.

Mr. Hubert Wong's grand opening party in Hongkong attracted many prominent guests, including Mr. T. C. Raja, Philippine Consul General and his wife, and many other persons prominent in government and industry.

The firm started business in Hongkong in February of this year, with an authorized capital of $1,000,000. A few months later, the plant was producing 5,000 bottles of its various beverages daily. The sales figure was limited by a bottle shortage, but a shipment was expected at mid-summer, which according to Mr. Wong, would result in substantially increased production.

Mr. Wong's plant on Castle Peak Road occupies a total of 3,000 square feet. Twenty persons are employed, including a few American technical assistants. The labor force needed to operate the plant is relatively small because the plant has the latest automatically operating machinery including a 12-spout filler-syruper-crowner, which can turn out 22 bottles per minute. Total plant capacity is 20,000 bottles per day.

Hubert G. H. Wong, manager of Hongkong Cosmos plant

Mr. Wong is especially proud of his factory's sanitation. All bottles are steam-sterilized; water is filtered and cooled before it passes through the carbonator and filling machine.

Founder of the Cosmos Aerated Water Company, Ltd., in Manila in 1918 was the late Mr. Wong Ning, father of the two brothers who now operate the two branches. During World War II, the Manila head factory was taken over and later routed as the group by the Japanese during their occupation. The May, 1949 issue of The Squirt-Reporter carried an account of how the Wong Brothers rebuilt the plant after liberation, and how it has since become the producer of the Philippines' favorite beverages.

The new plant in Hongkong is expected to introduce Squirt to its many customers and promises to become a welcome user of the various concentrates produced by The Squirt Company.

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Berlin, October 16.

Reports of the banning of Britons from Americans clubs here have been officially denied in a statement from the British Army headquarters in Berlin.

The statement said that Major General G. K. Bourne, the British Commandant in Berlin, has not sent a letter of protest to Major-General Maxwell D. Taylor, his American opposite number, as had been reported.

No order barring British soldiers or civilians from American clubs had, in fact, been issued.—Reuter.

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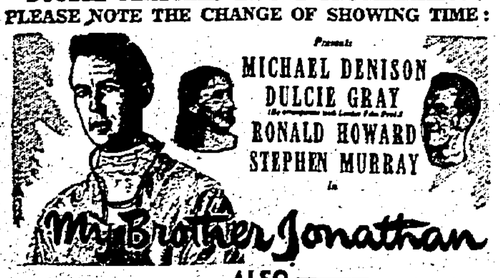

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PATHETIC SCENES AT PRISONS IN PRAGUE

Prague, October 16.

Hundreds of weeping Czechs poured into Prague's prisons and police stations today in anguished search for friends and relatives snatched up in big-scale arrests in the past two weeks.

Reliable informants said the arrests are continuing.

Some Prague people reported that they had seen several large police vans on Saturday night disgorging people seized in night raids at prisons.

Many relatives of arrested people inquired today at police stations but were turned away without information.

In sad queues, they began to assemble early in the morning with food parcels, some dressed in their Sunday best, others in worn clothes. Many women carried knitting in anticipation of long waits.

They had been told previously that if the food parcel was accepted, it meant the arrested person was being held at that prison.

Many of the small businessmen and others arrested as "political unreliables" have been sent to Pankrac, Prague's biggest prison, which stands on a hill on the outskirts of the city, before being shipped off to forced camps or the coal mines.

Labour Camps

A long queue of relatives formed there early this morning, hoping for news of their loved ones.

Some were fortunate and had their food parcels taken in by police guards with registers of names. The parcels were all opened and thoroughly searched. Any written messages were destroyed.

A Prague woman tracing a friend yesterday obtained entry to one of the labour camps—called "educational camps" by the Czech government.

This camp—near Kladno, mining and industrial city about 15 miles West of Prague—has 400 inmates including numerous women.

The woman visitor reported that in addition to their work the inmates must undergo nightly study of Marx-Leninism.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN SELL-OUT ALLEGED

Frankfurt, October 16.

The official Yugoslav organ "Borba" today accused Russia of attempting to sell out and liquidate the Greek Communist movement in a deal with the West to prevent election of Yugoslavia to a seat in the United Nations Security Council.

"Borba", quoted by Tanjug in a radio broadcast monitored here, said the Soviet leaders thus were shown to have "lost all feeling of responsibility for the international workers' movement."

"The Soviet policy has come to a dead end which calls for the use of such methods which obviously prove the counter-revolutionary character and lack of principle into which Soviet leadership has fallen.

"This latest attempt of the USSR to bargain with the Western powers shows how little the Russian leaders are concerned with the destiny of Greece, how immaterial to them is the question of how the people's liberation struggle in Greece will end, and what will happen to the Communist Party in Greece, to its members, to its fighters and to adherents of the national liberation movement in general."—United Press.

NEW PARTY IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, October 16.

A left-wing German Social Democratic group, advocating co-operation with the Communists, was formed at a secret conference here today.

Called "Social-Democratic Action" the group rejects any "one-sided Western orientation" and supports good relations with the Soviet Union and the creation of a joint administration for Western and Eastern Germany, a statement issued to the press said.

Leaders of the group are former Social Democrats expelled individually during the past year. They include Hans Ziegler, former Mayor of Nuremberg, who was expelled for participating in the Moscow "Peace Congress".

The organisers claimed support from prominent Social Democrats inside the Party, but declined to give any names.—Reuter.

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QUIRINO TRAIN DERAILED

Manila, October 17.

The dining-car of the special train taking President Quirino and other high officials to Paniqui, Tarlac, in Central Luzon, went off the rails yesterday but aside from being shaken none of the party was reported hurt.

The accident was attributed to a loose wheel and the possibility of sabotage was discounted, although the derailment occurred in lonely Huk country near Angeles, Pampanga.

The President went to Paniqui to attend the wedding anniversary celebration of the former Tarlac Congressman Jose Cojuangco and Mrs. Cojuangco and to deliver a campaign speech.

He was to proceed to Nueva Ecija province to continue his Central Luzon barnstorming campaign.

Strong security forces accompanying the President immediately deployed at the scene of the accident and Army planes cruised overhead, but there was no sign of dissidents.—United Press.

IF TIBET IS ATTACKED

New York, October 16.

Lowell Thomas thinks that remote Tibet, unfriendly to strangers for centuries, would accept outside help if attacked by the Chinese Communists.

The newscaster arrived with his wife and son by plane from London. He was on crutches, the result of a fall from a horse on a Tibetan mountain pass. He broke a thigh bone.

Mr. Thomas said the Communists consider Tibet an outer province of China. There is a chance that a United States mission could be set up in Tibet for the first time in history, Mr. Thomas added.

The Chinese Communists, he said, recently announced in Peiping that they planned shortly to free Tibet which has an army of only 10,000.—Associated Press.

QUIRINO WARNING

Manila, October 17.

President Quirino today warned Filipinos that the threat of Communism is nearer than "most of us realise."

In a campaign talk before 5,000 tenant farmers at Paniqui, Central Luzon, he stressed the proximity of China to these islands and declared: "Already agents of a dangerous ideology are in your midst and coming to you at dead of night. Through threats and intimidation they are forcing you to help them implant a form of life which would imprison not only your thoughts but your feelings."

President Quirino warned that unless care is taken in the approaching Presidential election, the Philippines may again suffer as it did during the Japanese occupation.

It was an offhand reference to his chief Presidential rival, Jose P. Laurel, who is a candidate of the Nacionalista Party in the November 7 election.

Mr. Quirino has been devoting most of his electioneering against Mr. Laurel, who headed the puppet Philippine Republic during the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Laurel has received the support of the bulk of tenant farmers in Central Luzon and is conceded an edge in this populous district by both President Quirino and the third party candidate, Jose Avelino.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN PLAY IN MOSCOW

Moscow, October 16.

A packed audience at the Moscow Drama Theatre last night applauded the first performance in Russian of the American playwright, Lillian Hellman's "Ladies and Gentlemen," the story of a Southern family during and after the American Civil War.

In the United States, the play was called "Another Part of the Forest."

Hellman's plays previously presented here in Russian were "The Little Foxes" and "Watch on the Rhine."—Reuter.

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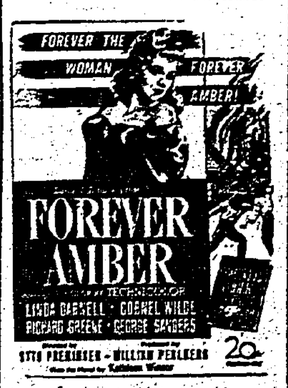

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Grim Prospect For Children

Sydney, October 16.

The Australian Foreign Minister, Herbert Evatt, today said: "It is a grim and ghastly prospect for the children of the world to think there are those among us who accept the fatalistic doctrine of inevitability of war. At the same time, it would be equally fallacious to suggest that peace is inevitable.

"It would be the height of folly to neglect defence preparations, as was done by the democratic nations prior to 1939—a mistake for which we paid so dearly in the early part of the war."—United Press.

MIDGET CATTLE FOUND

Jamestown, October 16.

Gene Holtzer, 27-year-old North Dakota rancher, claims to have discovered a herd of two-foot high Lilliputian cattle in a lost canyon "somewhere in the United States."

Holtzer, who has brought three bulls and two cows back with him to substantiate his story, refused to say where the canyon is "I am going back to get the rest as soon as I can get the funds," he said.

Holtzer said he discovered the dwarf herd several years ago when he was flying over the territory. Two weeks ago he went back to the canyon in a helicopter to capture his "samples."

"All the cattle were very wild," Holtzer said. "They charged at us but we managed to lasso them and bring them out by helicopter. When we went into the canyon we did not think we would have too much success because they move really fast. The ones we have now are fairly tame."

Veterinary surgeons, who examined the cattle brought out by Holtzer, describe them as perfect dwarf animals. The bulls weigh between 200 and 225 pounds and the cows about 170 pounds. They measure from two feet to two feet four inches in height.—Associated Press.

Chinese "Visitors" To Pl

Manila, October 16.

Immigration Bureau sources that said a recommendation that 10,000 Chinese visitors be allowed to stay despite expired permits, has been turned down by the Foreign Office.

The Immigration Commissioner, Mr. Jose Bengzon, told the Foreign Affairs Department that troubled conditions in China would visit physical difficulties on the departees. Mr. Bengzon asked for a three-year extension.

The reply from the Foreign Office complained that there were too many temporary visitors—the bulk of them from China—who have overstayed their visa periods.

Whether the Philippines will start deportation proceedings may depend on whether the would-be deportees can be found. The Philippines have taken stern measures to discourage illegal immigrations. A few months ago a group of convicted Communist Chinese were deported to Amoy to certain execution. Later, a large group of more than 200 smuggled Chinese were deported under guard on a Philippine Naval patrol boat.—Associated Press.

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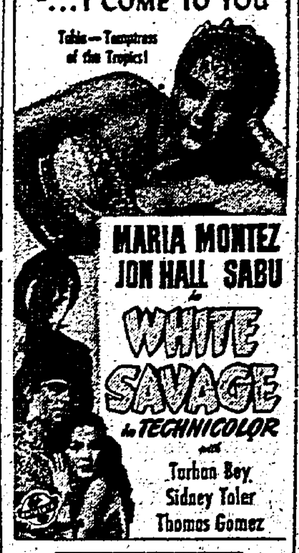

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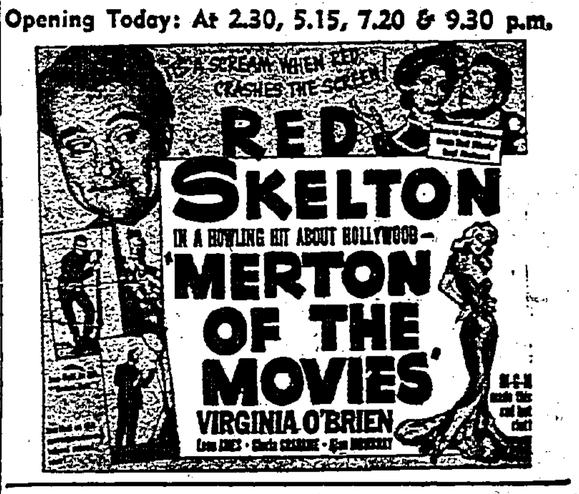

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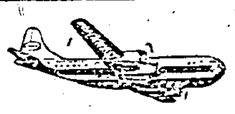

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MUCKLE, JAMES,—beloved husband of Lydia, passed away in his sleep of a heart attack, on October 17, 1949. Aged 56 years. Service at St. John's Cathedral at noon, October 18, 1949. No flowers by request.

GUNS AND BUTTER

Hong Kong has taken the arrival of Communist troops on the border with commendable calm. This is partly due to long drawn out anticipation of the event, partly to our high level of military preparedness, and partly to the fact that no sensational incidents have taken place. On the whole, the public is confident that nothing serious is likely to happen, and over the week-end the New Territories had the usual quota of touring cars and picnic parties.

Admittedly the roads rumble with the constant passing of military traffic, tented encampments dot one hillside after another, and bronzed young men in khaki are seen everywhere. But there is no apparent tension. The rural life continues as usual.

The village of Shataukok is an epitome of the situation which has, of course, potential dangers. Half the population live on one side of the frontier, and half on the other. Today regular Red army forces are expected to take over from the temporary Communist administration, and it will require considerable tact and willingness to co-operate to prevent trouble. It could be another example of the cold war, another Berlin on a small scale, but every effort will be made on this side to see that it is not.

The situation is very different from that existing in Europe. Here British forces, highly trained and mechanised, have to defend a very limited area, having the important advantages of command of the air and sea. The Communist armies, though large, are more mediaeval than modern, and many of the men will hope now to be able to return to their native villages. Neither side has the atom bomb, or is likely to threaten the other with bacteriological warfare.

In London and New York it is being suggested that such fearsome instruments may not be used, by mutual agreement, in the next war, as the results would be too appalling to both sides. It will not do, however, to depend on any such argument. It is unlikely that Russia has anything like an adequate quantity of the bomb, while America has a large stockpile. This fact is Western Europe's sole immediate protection against the otherwise overwhelming Soviet armies.

If it were really decided to ban the atom bomb, the result might well be to make the third world war more certain, as well as rendering inevitable, the devastating initial defeat of the free countries. It could, in fact, take the muzzle off Soviet aggression.

The question of such terrible weapons is unlikely to arise here, but the developing situation on our borders does have world significance. Minor incidents will be dealt with firmly but quietly, but if any serious infringement of our sovereignty occurred, such as a full-scale attempt at invasion, it would almost certainly be the signal for global conflict.

Every attempt will be made by the British to avoid trouble, and it is fervently hoped that the Communists will have sufficient wisdom to adopt the same attitude.

RUSSIANS CO-OPERATE IN THIS INTER-ZONE PATROL

By ANTONY TERRY

Four men, a Russian, a Frenchman, an American and an Englishman sit down together to a British Army tea every afternoon in a NAAFI canteen in Vienna at four after a drive along the Danube. The Englishman acts as host with the teapot.

They are members of the only East-West organisation which does not end in a veto Vienna's unique radio-equipped International Military Police Patrol which keeps order in the four-power city. In its American-equipped radio trucks it has almost succeeded in stamping out crime by allied troops.

Vienn's "Four Power" has another distinction. It is the only organisation in which the Russians allow the British, French and American members to enter their occupation zones on patrol.

The patrollers' four-power tea party was an idea of the Assistnat British Provost Marshal in Vienna, Major B. White. It took the Russians six months to agree to the idea of letting their M.P.s sit down to a meal with "fascist beasts from Yorkshire, Idaho and Paris.

Then after a few months they suddenly called it off again last July without explanation. A fortnight later they restarted, still without saying why. Meanwhile the Russian patrolmen were not allowed to have tea with the others, but had to sit outside in the truck while their colleagues ate.

Having once agreed to the idea, the Russians were then determined to outdo the "Western capitalists". They arranged for patrolmens' meals in their sector to be taken in one of the leading luxury blackmarket restaurants of Vienna.

Wait For Crime

When not eating the members of the "travelling circus" (as Viennese call it) are constantly on the air, as they cruise around the city in their fleet of 12 patrol cars. They wait for crime reports flashed from headquarters to the American driver and radio operator.

In a "pidgin" German he translates the message to the Russian, and sometimes to the Frenchman. If a drunken Russian has shot an Austrian coffee house keeper in the Soviet sector the report sends the patrol speeding to the scene, where the Russian patrolman takes charge and tries to arrest the culprit.

Sometimes, but not often, he has to call on the help of the other three. On one occasion, a drunken, gun-happy Russian who had been molesting Austrians, killed the Soviet patrolman, wounded the American driver and the Frenchman and jumping on to the truck ordered the British MP to "drive to America." The alternative was a bullet through the head.

The Englishman drove the Russian to the nearest Military Police headquarters, which happened to be in the American sector of Vienna, where the Russian gave himself up quite meekly. He never knew that the Englishman had never driven a car before.

Most serious crime is still committed by Russians, many minor incidents caused by Americans. British and French troops are right down at the bottom of the crime lists. In any case the radio patrol's ability to be in any part of the city in a few moments has slashed crime incidence to a point where even the Russians agree that it was a good idea.

Two years ago they refused to admit that armed holdups, then at a peak, were ever caused by Soviet troops. the culprits, they said, were Displaced Persons dressed up as Russians. Major White started an anti-crime drive which succeeded in catching 20 Soviet soldiers red-handed in armed holdups in the centre of Vienna.

The Russians kept quiet after that. But they introduced such strict anti-crime measures among their troops, including banning them from cafes in Vienna's centre, that holdups became a rarity.

Exact Rules

Exact rules govern the relations of the patrolmen to one another. Each carries a book of rules, and a "Patrol Orders" printed in English, French and Russian and signed by the four allied provost marshals.

The first patrol order is "All patrol members will work in harmony and co-operation and respect each other at all times." This did not prevent a squabble over who should sit next to the American driver. The Russians insisted that they should be in the front seat. Bickering lasted for some months, but in the end the Russians agreed to take the front seat in turn with the other two members of the patrol.

Some disagreements between Russians and the Western powers are too fundamental to be adjusted. One of these is over the question of photographs. The Russians try to arrest anyone who takes a photograph of a Russian soldier. The British, Americans and French refused to agree to this notion, which would ban any tourist with a box camera from taking a snap of the four-power patrol.

The Russian patrolmen still try to prevent photographs being taken of them, though they are powerless in the British sectors of the city.

The Americans have conceded to the Russians so far as to agree that permission to photograph must first be obtained from Military Policy H.Q. In practice permission is never granted as the Russians never answer the applications.

On one occasion the Soviet patrolman tried to seize the camera of a French tourist and had to be forcibly prevented by his British, American and French colleagues. Nowaday, to avoid trouble, the Russian patrolman rather angrily looks the other way when a tourist with a camera appears. Then they can say they never saw that they were being photographed.

AN ART CRITIC'S HOLIDAY

By PIERRE JEANNERAT

Unless he keeps his eyes tightly shut an art critic's holidays must be something of a busman's.

Who in his senses would keep his eyes shut while motoring through the Dordogne district of Central France?

Rivers meander between high rocks on which medieval and Renaissance castles are perched; thick woods enframe plantations where the vine rubs leaves with the tobacco plant.

But my holidays just ended were deliberately of the busman's variety. I chose the Dordogne because I wanted to see the oldest paintings on earth—or rather, I should say, in the bowels of the earth. I wanted to study pictures that by comparison reduce the pyramids of Egypt to the status of modernities.

Wear And Tear

Some of the Dordogne cave paintings are 30,000 years old. Their creators hunted the mammoth and the woolly rhinoceros. Most of those paintings show their age.

Guides who lead you into the tortuous darkness of Font-de-Gaume and La Mouthe carry little sticks. They point as they intone "Here is the head, here the back, here the tail"; and persevering concentration enables you to distinguish the shape of the animal depicted.

Clear To See

The latest discovery in this famous habitat of prehistoric man, however, calls for no little sticks. The paintings it holds are startlingly clear—as obvious as the monuments in Westminster Abbey.

On September 12, 1940, four boys from the neighbouring town of Montignac found a cave near the manor house of Lascaux. Accounts published so far declare that they slipped down a hole to rescue their dog Robot, which had vanished in pursuit of a rabbit.

M. Blanc, Curator of the Prehistoric Antiquities of the Dordogne, told me the true facts. The boys were searching for treasure: "Gold in the skin of an ox, hidden, according to local lore, in an underground passage." They found the most grandiose temple of the Aurignacian and Proto-Magdalenian periods.

Lascaux cave, like all the painted caves of our prehistoric ancestors, was a temple where tribal sorcerers, the earliest artists, drew animals and magic signs with a view to ensuring good hunting. The perennial wonder is that their paintings are amazingly accomplished and lifelike.

The boys' hole has been replaced by a flight of steps. Beyond a double set of steel doors you find yourself in a cavern about 90ft. long by 30ft. wide, whose calcareous ceiling and walls are snow white and covered from end to end with figures of wild cattle and horses in deep black and bright ochre. Four of the cattle are huge. The largest bull is nearly 20ft. long.

Breathtaking

Under the glare of electricity the entire painted surface looks superbly balanced and breathtaking both as regards scale and vividness. I can think of few living artists able to equal so impressive a general composition.

How was it done on rough stone with fingers dipped in pigment and with blowpipes in the trembling light of small primitive lamps?

Further halls contain more masterpieces: a magnificent frieze of deer heads, herds of tubby ponies, a strange scene of a bird-headed man facing a wounded auroch. Archaeologists will soon start clearing blocked *couloirs*, and many more surprises no doubt await them.

As it is, Lascaux ranks among the major monuments of art. Its near-perfection is inexplicable.

Painting, barring technicalities, does not seem to have progressed very much in 30,000 years.

The Band Plays But Nobody Dances

By ALAN HUMPHREYS

At nine o'clock every evening the concealed lights are switched on round the dance floor of Athens' glossiest open-air restaurant and the eight-piece band plays its first number.

For the next four hours, with brief intervals, the band plays fairly new French, not-so-new American, tunes, from swing to samba, bebop to rumba.

But though the tables are full nobody gets up to dance, nobody even claps. This voluntary abstention from public dancing is the rich Athenians' way of sharing the privations of the Army.

It was introduced as a counter to the propaganda broadcast to the Greek troops by the rebel radio from Yugoslavia — since transferred to Rumania — that while they were fighting in the mountains their "monarcho-Fascist rulers" were leading a sybaritic life in Athens.

Those broadcasts changed the taste in flats sought by well-to-do Greeks. That reads like a non sequitur, but it isn't.

In Private

Narrow apartments consisting of rooms one behind the other are right out of favour. What are wanted are those constructed on the square principle, and particularly with wide connecting doors between the two largest rooms.

These provide enough floor space to hold small dances in private at which the Army's sufferings can be forgotten.

The curfew and four meatless days a week are also intended to remind Athenians that the country isn't really at peace yet.

But the masochistic fervour with which these limitations to a life of leisured ease are mentioned becomes much less impressive when you realise, for instance, that not one per cent of the capital's 1,500,000 people is ever made aware of the curfew.

It doesn't begin until 2 a.m. and is off at 5 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are meatless, but fish can be had. Saturday is both meatless and fishless.

In the better eating-places, however, you can have, on any day, chicken, turkey, quail, and pigeon. In the simpler *tavernas* you can have lamb. "Meatless," it seems, is synonymous with "beerless."

The vast majority of Athenians, once again, are not made aware of these regulations. They are lucky, anyway, if they can afford meat of any kind once a week, for the cost of living in Greece is among the highest in the world.

The currency not only followed sterling down but went one step further. When the £ was at four dollars it bought 32,000 drachmas. Today it buys 42,000.

This is the sixth devaluation of the Greek currency since the Liberation. Pre-war the drachma was worth about a halfpenny. Now there are 175 to a penny. You can be a millionaire for £24.

And because the highest denomination note is 20,000 drachmas, in order to have enough cash you carry around a wad of notes, mostly dirty and tattered, about as thick as a pack of cards.

You can't even give away a 50-drachma note, and there isn't much use for the 100-drachma note. You can post a local letter, make a telephone call, or take the shortest trip on a tram for 300 drachmas (1¾d.), buy a box of matches for 400 (2¼d.), a newspaper for 500 (3d.).

But in the main the working unit is now 1,000 drachmas (6d.), the price of one egg.

In the well-stocked shops prices are quoted in thousands—and what ferocious prices they are!

Many price tags omit the last three noughts, but whether the pair of women's shoes is marked 225,000 or 225 it is still £5 10s.

Men's shirts cost £3 10s., a tie £2. An ordinary 5-valve radio set sells for 40 guineas.

The pavement kiosks are stacked high with chocolate—at 1s. 9d for a two-ounce bar. A tablet of soap costs the same.

Very High Tea

Prices scarcely encourage temperance. Tea, weak and scented, made by dropping a sachet into hot water, is 2s. 6d. a pot, local brandy 1s. a glass, orange juice 2s., *ouzo* (the aniseed drink) 9d.

British cigarettes are harder to find than in London, and when brought out from under the counter cost 4s. 6d. for 20.

A luxury tax makes cinemas expensive. Nevertheless, the opening of indoor cinemas after the first heavy autumn fall of rain has drawn crowds to see "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

Because modern Greek has no letters for the sound of our "b" and "d," and these are represented by "mp" and "nt," it's at first somewhat puzzling to see the star of that film billed in Greek characters as "Rompert Ntonat." And even now it's still a mpit ntisconcerting.

He Rocks Them At Brighton

By CECIL WILSON

Alfred Marks, the comedian most managers are after, has decided to keep the West End waiting a little longer.

He has made such a hit in Brighton's summer show, "Montmartre" that he is being kept on for a winter edition called "Panama," which will run until December.

This time he will play for 10 per cent of the receipts, which will about double his salary and take him well into three figures a week.

Alfred Marks belongs to the group of ex-Service comedians who call themselves "goons" and plan some day to unite in a crazy show of their own.

They have all done pretty well to date. Michael Bentine, who can get fun even out of a sink pump, goes straight from Palladium variety into the Folies Bergere show at the Hippodrome: Peter Sellers, the impressionist, joins the Gracie Fields Palladium bill. Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan are also climbing high.

Marks, a 28-year-old ex-RAF flight sergeant, is in no hurry for West End fame. When he does get there he means to stay. Until then he prefers to go on grooming his comedy and await the real chance.

Before the war this big, booming, boyish-faced lad from Holborn was an auctioneer in Petticoat lane and a commercial traveller, earning a few extra shillings as a semi-pro.

During the war he spent five years in the RAF and transferred from engineering to entertainment to tour desert outposts beyond ENSA's reach.

After the war no one seemed very interested in him. One agent told him plainly: "If you've been in the Forces five years there's nothing I can do."

Down to the last few pounds of his gratuity, he went to the Windmill Theatre's Vivian Van Damm for an audition. He was the 13th comedian on the list. Van Damm dismissed most of the others after two minutes' trial, but he heard Marks right through, signed him up, and kept him in the show for 16 months.

Then the West End offers began rolling in, but he turned them down for a Brighton offer. It came from Danny O'Neil who had broken into management by touring "Bitter Sweet."

O'Neil had two weeks in which to open his summer show and still he had no comedian. Then he thought of Alfred Marks. Since that June day the black-haired afterthought has become the white-headed boy of Brighton show business.

A correspondent suggests that really good business might be done by holding a flag day at Shataukok.

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According to yesterday's reports, Mr. Herbert Morrison has warned Britons that the Socialist government must take further measures if the country is not to drift into complete economic chaos.

An underground source tells me that the projected three-day, 20-hour week, will almost certainly have to be postponed for the time being; also, the project to give double pay as pensions to all trade unionists at the age of 35 will be temporarily shelved.

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Friend of mine with a very ancient launch had to ask for help last Sunday to beach the craft, which was submerged.

"Too bad she had to sink," remarked one of the rescuers.

"She didn't sink," rejoined the owner tartly. "She just didn't rise up with the tide."

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How time drags.

"She came up on deck when she heard a noise as of a heavy body like an anchor or a chain being dragged along the deck. It was the mate's watch."

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Permanent waves can be made with a home perm, but what makes permanent wives?

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Myrtle says gold diggers may be gimme-pigs, but it would be cruel to use them in medical research.

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"Mrs.—who gave birth to a 19-year-old daughter, is reported to be making good progress. Mr.—who suffered a broken leg in the same accident, is recovering."

What about the reporter?

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Truth will out.

"My father was born in poor circumstances, but he did a rich man."

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"Gladys Colthorpe, whose work on the stage was interrupted by the arrival of a baby, is to return in a manless play."

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Me afraid? said Myrtle's newest boy friend. Why, when I'm in danger, I keep so cool my teeth chatter.

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Household god, more likely.

"The tenants had to be rescued by a fire-escape, and remarkable scenes were witnessed as they descended, accompanied by cats, dogs and other household pets. An invalid old lady was among them."

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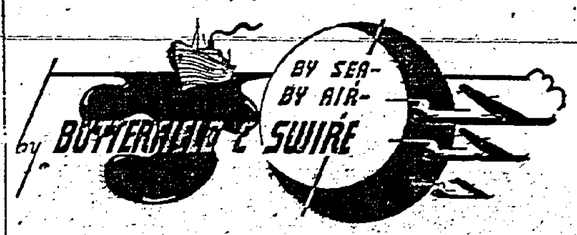
"The speaker said colour-blindness occurs most often in people of high intelligence. Only one per cent of the women examined were found to be colour-blind."

There's probably a subtle implication there, if only I could get it.



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PEIPING TALKS ON RECOGNITION ISSUE

British Negotiations With Mao Regime

STATEMENT BY REDS

Washington, October 16.

Britain has been making earnest efforts to reach a practical working basis with the Chinese Communists in current negotiations at Peiping, diplomatic authorities said today.

What the Communists want is formal diplomatic recognition of their new government by the United States and Britain, along with resumption of full trade relations.

Just what effect such recognition would have on relations between Britain and the United States is not clear.

However, if Britain should be manoeuvring toward recognition, she would be following the course of Russia and the Soviet bloc, which recognised the people's Republic" without delay.

American consular officials in Peiping have been carrying on some discussions, aimed at clarifying their status so they can conduct consular functions, at least to some extent.

As for American recognition of the Communist regime, the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, made it very clear this week that the United States favours an indefinite postponement of its decision on whether to recognise the Peiping government.

Even if Britain should decide to grant recognition, the U.S. would follow its own course, Mr. Acheson indicated.

Truman Belief

President Truman is represented by informed officials as believing that United States relations with the Chinese Communists can be conducted indefinitely on the same basis as with Soviet Russia during the 15 years prior to 1933.

It is impossible to get direct news reports from Peiping, due to the Communist move in cutting off all communications except to Soviet bloc correspondents.

Meanwhile, the Communist capture of Canton is beginning a new dispersal of American official representatives in China. Mr. Robert Strong, ranking U.S. envoy with the Nationalists, is under orders to transfer his headquarters from Hong Kong to Chungking.

He is expected to leave by air this week-end along with the Second Secretary, Mr. Robert Rondon and two Embassy clerks. Remaining in Hong Kong will be the Consul-General, Karl Rankin.

Reds' Statement

The Chinese Communists declared today that anyone recognising the Nationalists is engaging in "criminal activities."

"The liberation of Canton has rendered the political status of the remnant Kuomintang bandits even more ridiculous," a Peiping broadcast by the Reds' New China News Agency said.

"Any respectable political organisation, the government of any country and the United Nations organisation should no longer have relations with the bandits who have fled to Chungking, Taiwan and other places."

"China has only one government—the Central People's government. Whoever continues to recognise the remnant Kuomintang government is conducting international criminal activities and will be showing an unfriendly attitude toward the Chinese people."

Russian Envoy

The new Soviet Ambassador to China, Mr. N. V. Roschin, today presented his credentials to Mr. Mao Tse-tung, the leader of the new Chinese Communist Government, according to a New China News Agency report received in London.

The report said that the Soviet Ambassador was accompanied by 11 members of the Soviet Embassy, and added that senior Chinese officials, as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chou En-lai, and the acting Chief of Staff, General Tieh Jung-chen, were also present.

Mao was reported to have sent a congratulatory telegram to leaders of the new Soviet-sponsored East German regime. Mao said the creation of this regime is "a decisive defeat of the criminal policy of the imperialist front headed by the United States reactionary government."

The Mongolian People's Republic decided to establish diplomatic relations with Communist China, the Peking Radio reported tonight.

The decision was conveyed to the Communist Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, in a note from his Mongolian counterpart, Mr. Choi Bal-san.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Bogota, October 16.

Rain has been falling for 160 hours at Buena Ventura, a port on the Pacific coast of Colombia. According to reports from the spot, much damage has resulted. —Reuter

COMMONS ASSEMBLE TODAY

London, October 16.

The Parliament which Mr. Winston Churchill says is "dead and decomposing" convenes on Tuesday to face the gravest peacetime economic crisis in Britain since 1931.

The Labour government will present an emergency programme for meeting the devaluation crisis. And on it will depend whether Parliament degenerates into a major political battle or puts aside party consideration to try to "save England."

It was just four weeks ago when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, announced devaluation of the pound and started chain reaction currency juggling which has left the financial world bewildered. Even government officials admit that since then nothing has been done here—either to take advantage of the devaluation of sterling or prepare for the inflationary consequences of that action.

The major concern of neutral observers and non-political publications is that the emergency programme of the government will not come close to ordering steps that appear to be called for. As one London financial writer put it: "Distinction must be drawn between what the measures will be and what they should be."

Difficult Problem

The problem facing government is a difficult one because despite the postponement of an election this year it must face one next year, probably in the spring and at least before the end of July. Since devaluation the government has taken only these steps:

1. Announced plans to raise profits taxes five per cent and threatened to limit the distribution of dividends;
2. Exhorted industry and business to make every effort to sell in the dollar market;
3. Exhorted labour to work harder and defer demands for high wages;
4. Admitted the cost of living is going up slightly immediately and more after the first of the year.—United Press.

BENELUX PACT ON UNION

Luxembourg, October 16.

The Governments of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, at a conference ending just after midnight, signed a "pre-Union agreement" laying down conditions for the period leading up to next July's projected full economic union of Benelux.

Events in the pre-Union period will give a clearer picture of the effects of devaluation, and will determine whether full economic union can be achieved at once next year, or whether certain limitations on trade and payments will be provisionally necessary, conference sources said.

Directives will be given to expert bodies studying the projected union.

Trade deficits between the countries concerned will be covered either by a credit margin agreed by the creditor country, by calling on the International Monetary Fund, or by payments in gold or convertible currencies.

On monetary and commercial policy, the protocol of the conference said that internal and external stabilisation of the Dutch and Belgian economies must be a pre-condition of convertibility of the Dutch guilder and the Belgian franc.

One partner may not accumulate another partner's currency, but if a grave structural disequilibrium caused such an accumulation, it would have to be adjusted either by a limitation of exchanges between the two economies or by the application of a policy taking into account a deflation in the debtor country and any inflation in the creditor.

The conference communique said that the three Governments desired a closer co-operation between the three Parliaments to achieve more effective collaboration on problems arising from European economic co-operation. —Reuter.

ENVOY WATCHED

Belgrade, October 16.

The Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, tonight reported that the Bulgarian police in Sofia have kept constant watch at the residence of the Yugoslav Ambassador, have followed Consular personnel and deliberately tried to ram a car in which the Yugoslav Commercial Attache was travelling.

The agency reported that in one of a list of "provocative acts," the Yugoslav Consul, Mr. N. Nakov, had been the victim of a daylight "aggression" on a city street, and in another the chauffeur of an Attache's car had been injured.—Reuter.

Churchill Favoured As Premier

London, October 16.

The "Sunday Pictorial" reported today that Winston Churchill led its poll of favourites for Prime Minister if the Conservatives won the next election.

Mr. Churchill received 7,049 votes against 4,510 for Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Conservative Party. R. A. Butler and Oliver Stanley were also-rans.

Last week, the "Pictorial" reported that Aneurin Bevan, with 5,385 votes, won its poll as favourite for Prime Minister if the Socialists were returned to power.—United Press.

EYSKENS VISITS LEOPOLD

Geneva, October 16.

The Belgian Premier, M. Gaston Eyskens, drove to King Leopold's sumptuous lake-side villa at Pregny today for the first session of a "special mission" which he declared was of great importance.

His big black Cadillac swept through the Villa gates just before 2.30 p.m. and his interview with the provincially exiled monarch was expected to last about 90 minutes.

M. Eyskens was reported in Brussels to be seeking Royal approval for a formula for a national referendum on whether King Leopold should return to the throne.

Before his visit today, the Belgian Premier lunched with Madame Eyskens at a country inn outside Geneva. He told correspondents. "I can say nothing about my forthcoming talks with the King except that I attach great importance to them."

M. Eyskens' Catholic-Liberal Coalition Government is pledged to find a solution to Belgium's "Royal Question."

After his conference with King Leopold, M. Eyskens said that he was "extremely satisfied" with the first session of his special mission.

After leaving the monarch's villa, the Premier declared: "I can only tell you that I am extremely satisfied with my talk this afternoon. I cannot tell you what we had discussed other than that it was the question of monarchy and the country."—Reuter.

SLIM IN INDIA

New Delhi, October 16.

Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, arrived here today for a three-day visit.

After his arrival, he conferred for nearly one hour with the Governor-General, C. Rajagopalachari.

Field-Marshal Slim is to visit Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

MR. MORRISON SOUNDS A WARNING NOTE

Doncaster, October 16.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, warned Britons today that the Government is about to make some decisions which "are bound to be unpleasant to us all."

The stern measures contemplated, Mr. Morrison told a Labour Party meeting in Doncaster, are necessary to prevent a drift into "economic chaos and unemployment."

The Labour Government's programme to overcome some of the difficulties brought about by the acute shortage of dollars is expected to be considered by the Cabinet's Economic Policy Committee on Monday.

It will also be the first concern of Parliament, which will resume sessions on Tuesday after its summer adjournment. A policy statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is expected soon.

Mr. Morrison did not say today what the "unpleasant" measures contemplated by the Government may be. But there is a general belief that more belt tightening is in store for Britons.

A cut in administrative expense on which the Prime Minister is working is expected to eliminate some Government jobs. A reduction in food and tobacco imports is generally expected and it may be necessary to defer some contemplated expansions of social services.

"We in Britain are producing more and more wealth but our trouble is that we keep on behaving as though we have more wealth to distribute than is actually the case," Mr. Morrison said.

Asking For Trouble

"We are like a man whose income rises a little each year but who is always spending this year at a rate which he will not be earning until next year or the year after. If we could only brace ourselves to hold off for a little we would soon find that production had gone up sufficiently to honour all our commitments.

"But as long as we continually press for more personal incomes and more state services than our current production will cover, we are asking for trouble and getting it.

"You will soon be hearing of the Government's decisions on measures to bring British economy into balance. Some of these decisions are bound to be unpleasant to us all but they are far less unpleasant than the alternative of drifting into economic chaos and unemployment."—Associated Press.

MR. MORRISON

FAMILY POISONED

Rome, October 16.

A farmer's family of seven feasted on poisoned mushrooms near Bari.

Two little girls died and the five other members of the family are in hospital.—Associated Press.

SECESSIONISTS IN THAILAND

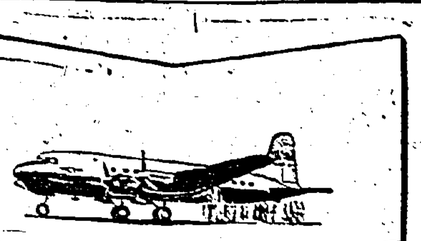
Yala, October 16.

Malayan groups in Kelantan are again attempting to revive a secessionist movement across the border in the Muslim Southern States of Thailand, Kanchanadul, Governor of Yala Province, told a Malayan press delegation today.

A uniformed officer of a Malayan separatist organisation in Kelantan, the most Northerly of the Malay States, had been shot dead by Thai police in March this year, he said, and five illegal Malay immigrants had been captured.

Police patrols had encountered a gang of more than 100 uniformed men.

The Governor said that the Malayan authorities are watching the leaders of the movement.—Reuter.



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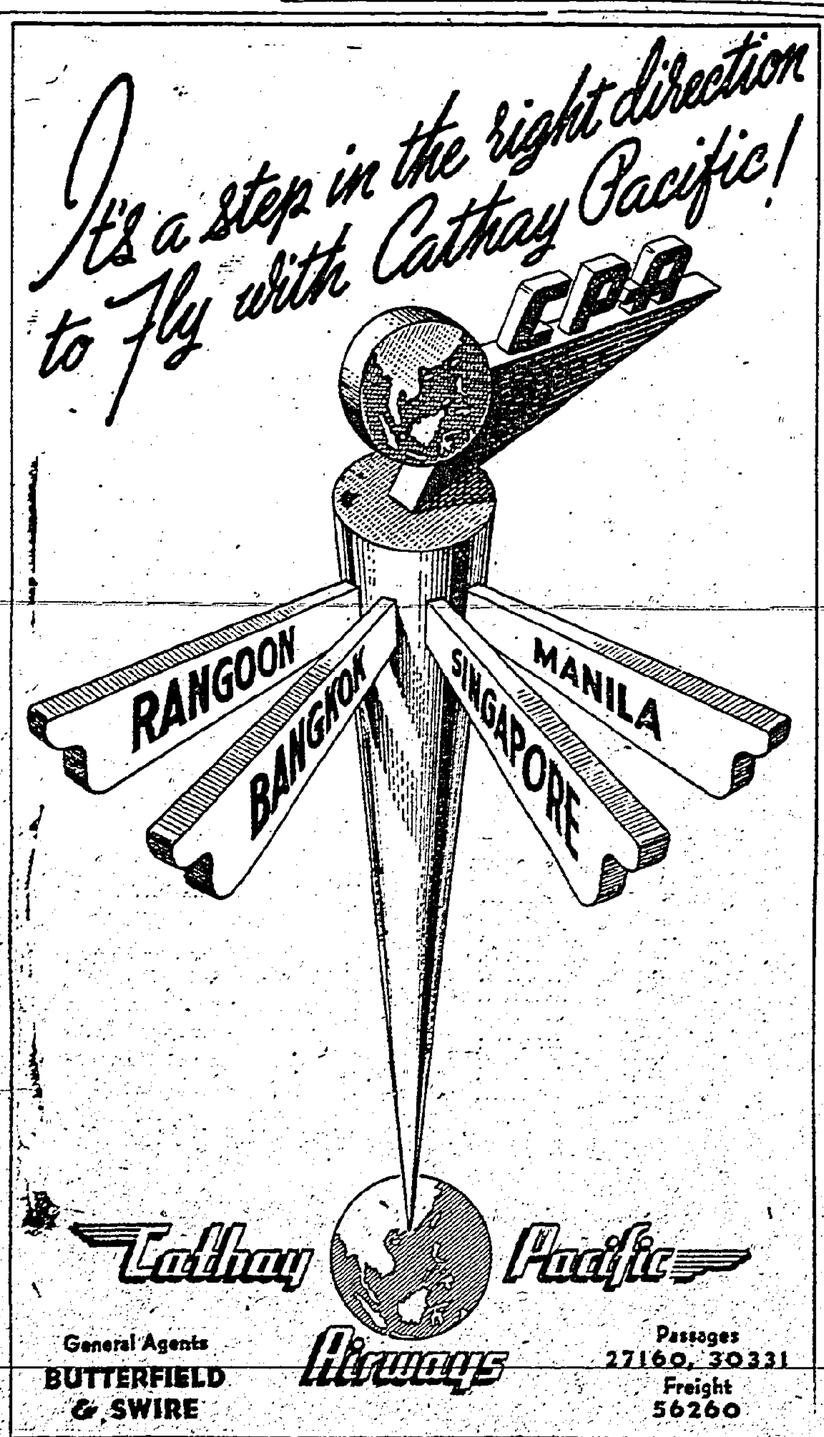

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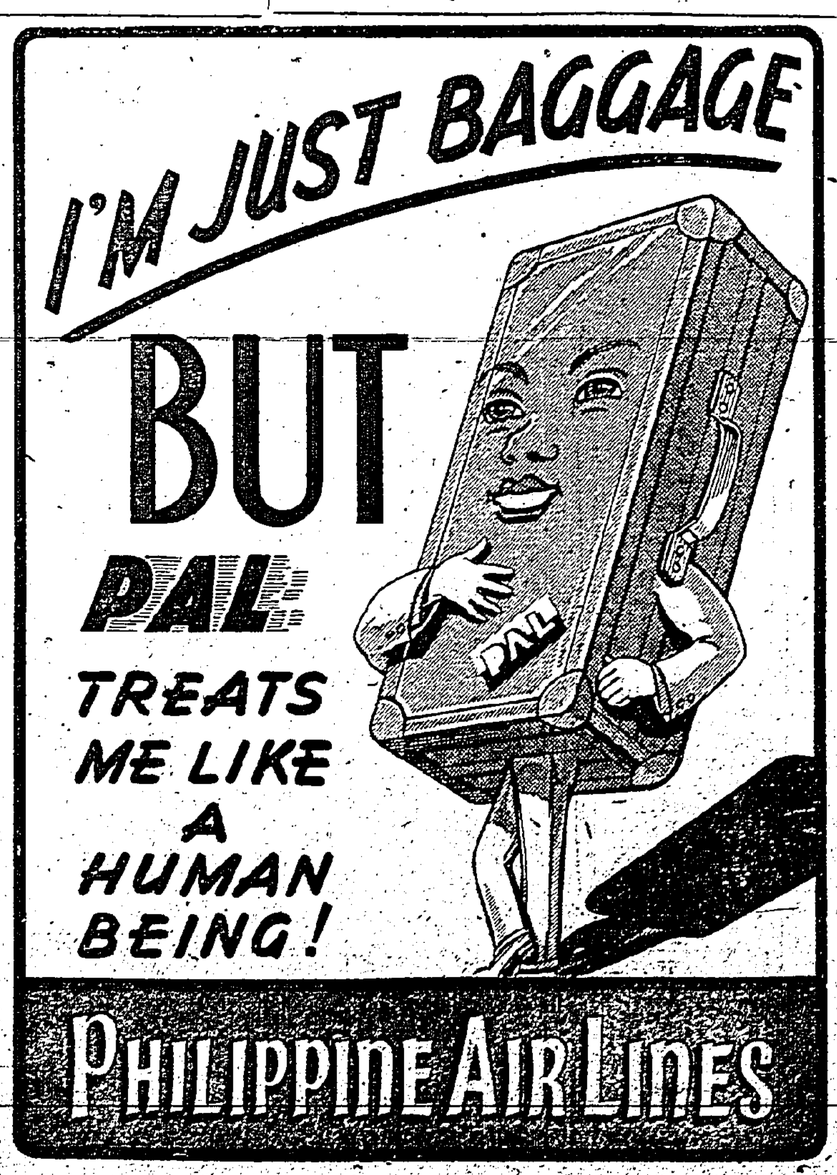

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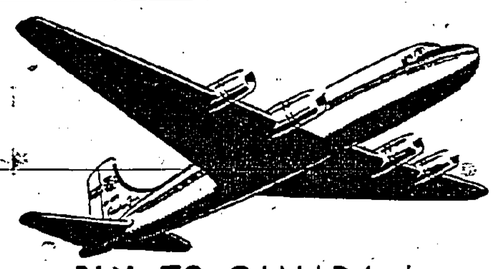

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JEWS MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Munich, October 10.

American Army authorities today tightened precautions against a possible outburst by Landsberg's 4,000 displaced Jews when Ilse Koch, infamous "Mistress of Buchenwald," is transferred to German custody on Monday.

There are two big Jewsh DP camps at Strewel, not far from the grim American military prison.

Many of the inmates may have had relatives in Buchenwald while the 42-year-old Ilse was there.

Authorities were uneasy about the reaction of these Jews and alerted U. S. military units at Landsberg and prison guards. They will form a protective cordon about the prison when the woman is given over to the Germans.

Early on Monday, she will complete a four-years allied war crime sentence and will be turned over for trial on similar charges by German authorities.

The Germans have charged her on five major counts, one of which involved the wanton shooting of 24 Jewish prisoners in 1941.

Major-General Clayton Pierce, U. S. Commander in Augsburg where the Germans try the widow of the former Buchenwald Commander, said that strict measures would be taken to prevent any demonstration either by Jews or Germans.

He conceded that there was definite possibility of trouble when Ilse Koch walks outside the protective walls of Landsberg.

He disclosed that earlier Army restrictions which would have banned Allied reporters from seeing the trasfer had been raised.

He said, however, that no German reporters or photographers would be permitted to witness the action. Allied reporters and photographers only will be permitted.—Associated Press.

SHINWELL IN TRIESTE

Trieste, October 16.

Britain's War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, inspected Allied military outposts in Trieste today.

He arrived on Saturday after inspecting troops in Austria.

He is the guest of Major-General Terence S. Airey, British Commander of Anglo-American occupation troops in Trieste.—Associated Press.

A Portable Plane

Among the fantasies on display at the Concour Lepine (Minor Inventions Show) in Paris was this "portable aeroplane" presented by Gaston Amedee Mouriague of Paris. Not relying solely on the little motor, the propeller may also be powered by the levers Mouriague is holding. The long rod extending to the lower left holds the flyer up when the plane is in action. The gadget has yet to be flown. (AP Photo).

Chinese Largest Group In Malaya

The proportion of locally-born Chinese and Indians resident in the Federation of Malaya and the Colony of Singapore has greatly increased since 1931.

Locally-born Chinese now number two thirds of the entire Chinese population of the two areas and for the first time the Chinese are the largest national group, exceeding the Malaysian component by more than one per cent of the whole.

These facts are revealed in the report on the 1947 census of population which has just been published.

The report shows that Malaya's population increased by 1,501,206 in the 16 years between the 1931 and 1947 censuses. In 1931 the combined populations of the two territories were 4,347,704: in 1947 they were 5,848,910.

During the same period the Chinese population increased from 1,704,452 to 2,614,667, the latter figure giving them 44.70 per cent of the total population. On the other hand the Malaysian component which includes Malays and Aboriginal stocks, increased by only 613,525 to a total of 2,543,569. This gives a percentage of 43.49 of the total population.

The increase in the Indian component was smaller, the figures being 599,616 and 621,847 respectively. There were only minor changes in the other communities, including Europeans and Eurasians.

Comment On Report

Mr. M. V. Del Tufo, the Superintendent of Census, comments in his report that the increase in the Malaysian population, small though it is, is a fact of considerable present importance, although it cannot be taken as necessarily indicative of a future trend. He says that the increase in locally-born Chinese seems to be generally distributed throughout the Federation: in Singapore too there has been a big rise, although there the proportion of foreign born Chinese is still greater than in most of the states of the Federation.

Mr. Del Tufo gives what he feels is positive evidence of a general intention amongst the Chinese community to settle in Malaya. He states: "The increase in the Malayan-born part of the Chinese population being just over 1,100,000, it is seen that nearly 90 per cent of those born in 1931 and still surviving remain in the country." There was also an increase in local born Indians from 131,474 to 298,674 for the whole of Malaya and the Census Superintendent points out that, although the percentages of Indians born in Malaya are still smaller than the corresponding figures for Chinese, they have in-

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creased even more rapidly than the latter.

The report notes that there has been an all-round and marked improvement in the general literacy rates. This improvement was only to be expected during a period of relatively small immigration, for, claims the report, the educational facilities offered in Malaya have latterly been much superior to those generally available in China or South India, and certainly to the relative areas whence the bulk of the immigrants come.

GREEK GUERILLAS STOP OPERATIONS

London, October 16.

The Greek guerilla army tonight announced that it had ceased operations "in order to avoid the total destruction of Greece" but had not disbanded.

The announcement, made over the Free Greek Radio in a proclamation from the "Provisional Greek Government," came 24 hours before the United Nations Conciliation Commission was due to report back to Lake Success.

At the same time, the Greek General Staff in Athens alleged that the guerilla forces—"defeated in recent battles"—were now reorganising in Albania.

The guerilla proclamation denounced the role of the "Anglo-American imperialists and their agent, the Monarcho-Fascists, in the operations" which have torn Greece internally since the end of the world war."

"They have brought untold misery to the Greek people since they pushed it into a civil war three and a half years ago," it said.

The proclamation said that a peaceful solution of Greece's problems was now being sought in the United Nations "with the participation of the Soviet Union."

"Athens," it added, "is speaking about amnesties and agreement, but in fact, the Monarcho-Fascist (the guerillas' term for the Greek Government in Athens) go on persecuting democrats wherever they find them in Greece."

In Ruins

After declaring that the interests of the Greek people were the paramount consideration of the guerillas, the proclamation said that the Greek people needed peace and bread.

"Greece is now in ruins and hunger reigns everywhere," it declared. But, the proclamation asserted, the "temporary cessation" of military operations did not mean that the "Provisional" Greek Government and the people of Greece" renounced the fight for the rights of the Greek people.

"The Monarcho-Fascists are mistaken if they think that the struggle is ended and the Democratic Army has ceased to exist," it said.

The declaration ended with an appeal to the Greek people to be united and to continue the struggle for "peace, bread and liberty," with the assurance that all true democrats are with them and that they belong to the same camp as the "truly democratic countries and the Soviet Union, the champion of peace and democracy in the world."

The Greek General Staff said tonight that guerilla forces which were defeated in the recent battles for the Grammos and Vitsi Heights were now reorganising in a camp in Albania.

Captured Sergeant

This camp, the statement said, was in a wooded region near Skoumbi River, about six miles from the Southern Albanian town of Elbasan.

The existence of the camp was revealed by George Dzoumis, a sergeant in the Eighth Communist Division, who entered Greece from Albania on September 24 last to gather information and carry out sabotage, the statement declared.

He surrendered to a Greek Army detachment five days later.

M. Vasili Bartziotas, the Minister of the Interior in the Greek "guerilla" Government, was alleged by the Greek General Staff to have said in a speech last month at the camp: "We are organising amongst the Albanian people for the attack which will give us final victory."

At Lake Success, the United Nations Political Commission on September 29 last unanimously approved the creation of a Conciliation Commission to try to settle the Greek question and to report back by tomorrow.

Conciliation Group

For the first time in the three years that the United Nations had been discussing the Greek question, there was a unanimous vote, the Soviet Union and its usual supporters voting with the remainder of the 59-member Political Committee.

The new Conciliation group comprised General Carlos Romulo, of the Philippines, who is President of the General Assembly, Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Lester Pearsen, the Canadian Chairman of the Assembly's Political Committee, and Mr. Selim Sarper, of Turkey, who is Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Its terms of reference were to devise methods and procedure for resolving the existing differences between Greece and her Northern neighbours—Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

Sacrificing Balkans For The Far East

London, October 16.

The Greek guerillas' cessation of operations was regarded in London diplomatic quarters tonight as confirmation that the Soviet policy for months past has been willing to sacrifice aims in the Balkans for success in the Far East.

The failure to arrive at a settlement of the 16-months' old quarrel with Marshal Tito was always seen here as meaning that Moscow had to run the risk of giving up its hopes in Greece.

On the other hand, events in a matter of months has brought the Chinese nation of nearly 500,000,000 into friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

This, it was thought, must be for Moscow worthwhile compensation for writing off Greece.—Reuter.

VIENNA LEGATION SCANDAL

Vienna, October 16.

Investigators of the Ministry of Interior, probing a $3,000,000 Soviet-sponsored smuggling ring, announced today they had definite proof that the Bulgarian Legation here had shipped thousands of ball bearings by diplomatic transportation out of Austria.

The alleged leaders of the ring, Max Schwartz and Herb Brecher, British nationals, were arrested in June along with eight Communist officers and some 20 Austrian Government officials and merchants.

According to police reports the ring bought up essential metals and textiles in Austria and shipped them to the East by the Soviet-operated Danube Shipping Company. The investigation was suspended for more than a month during the National election campaign.

Ministry officials said they arrested six Austrian drivers of the Bulgarian Legation who had driven trucks with Bulgarian licence plates.

These tricks, the officials said, were used to transport illegally purchased ball bearings to the East under the protection of "Bulgarian diplomatic transport."

The authorities said the investigators accumulated "sufficient evidence" to warrant the arrest of six textile firm managers who had similarly assisted in the smuggling of essential materials to the East."

Officials said the six business men would be arrested on Monday.

Interior Ministry officials said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has protested to the Bulgarian Government against the "strange tactics of its Vienna Legation" in smuggling several million schillings worth of essential materials.—United Press.

Disastrous Floods In Guatemala

Guatemala, October 16.

Forty are estimated to have died in floods, now receding, which inundated widespread areas of this Central American Republic last week after two weeks of the worst rain in 15 years.

All reports indicated that the 45,500 square mile country had suffered a major disaster. Coffee operators estimated that at least 20 per cent of the crop—Guatemala's principal export—had been destroyed by winds and rain.

If this figure is correct, the coffee loss will probably exceed $7,000,000.

Railway installations were extensively damaged and railway communications are expected to be paralysed for at least two weeks.

Evacuation of the Pacific coast port of San Jose was halted yesterday as the flood waters began to recede and the rains stopped.—Reuter.

Grave Threat To U.S. Employment

Washington, October 16.

The Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, today warned that 5,000,000 men will be thrown out of jobs and thousands of small business men forced to the wall if the steel strike continues until December 1.

In a statement today, summing up the possible economic impact of the two-week-old shutdown, Mr. Sawyer asserted sombrely that the stoppage has reversed the upward business and employment trend and now the nation's welfare is at stake.

He forecast 2,000,000 unemployed in steel and industries dependent on steel if the walk-out is not ended by November 1, and after that shutdowns in mass production industries such as autos, machinery, electric appliances, construction and metal containers.

By December 1, he continued, if the strike continues, unemployment directly attributable to the strike will be approximately 5,000,000. Furthermore, it is estimated that by January 1 there will in effect be a complete shutdown in metal-consuming industries.

Concurrent with Mr. Sawyer's statement, Dr. Edwin Nourse, chairman of President Truman's council of economic advisers, told the United Press that both the steel and coal strikes will become crucial for the national economy if no progress toward settlements is made this week. He put it this way:

"If no significant progress toward settlements is made by the end of the week, the problem itself will be coming into its crucial stage," he said.—United Press.

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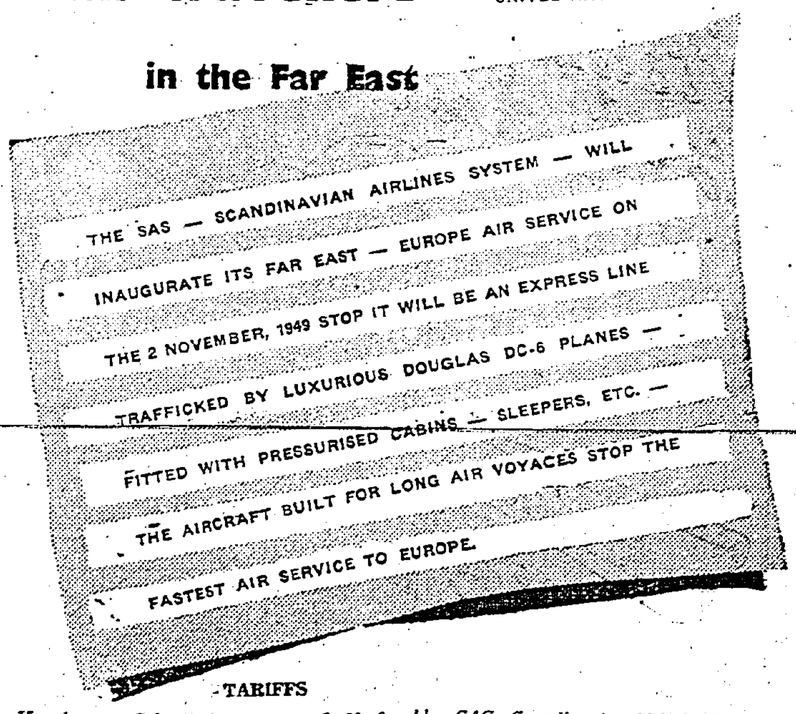

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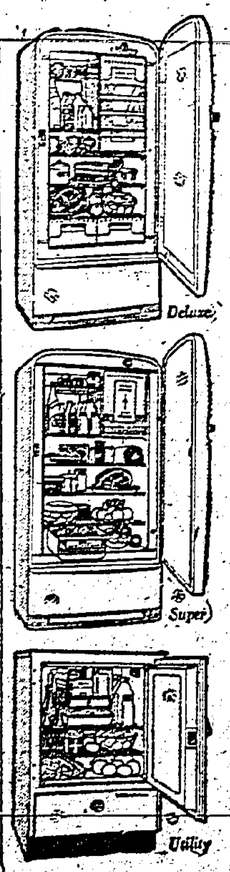

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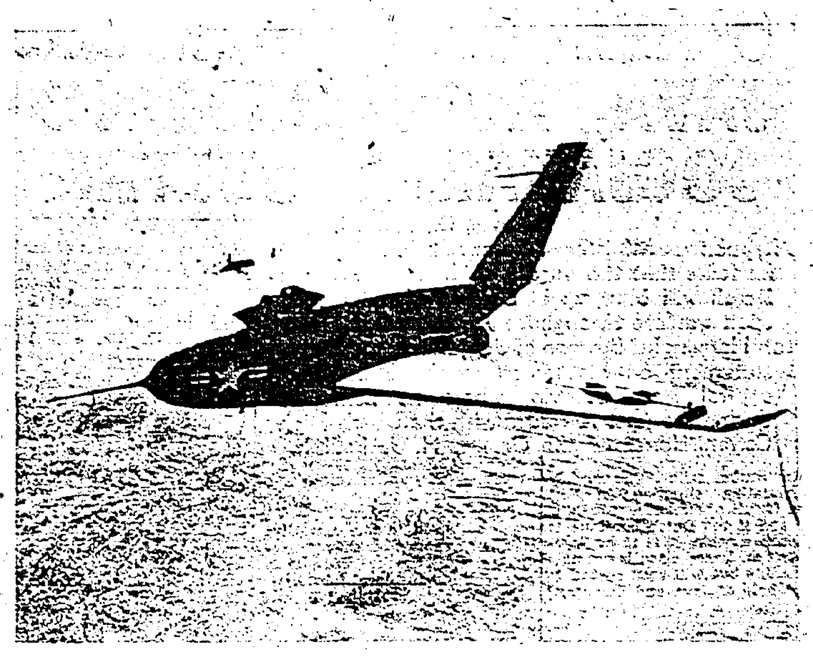

The United States Air Force's new X-4, designed to explore flight characteristics of the high sub-sonic zone, flies over the Muroc Air Force Base, in the State of California, on the Pacific coast of the United States. The small flying-wing type research plane, manufactured by Northrop Aircraft, Inc., of Hawthorne, California, is one of the smallest planes ever built for the Air Force. It measures approximately 25 feet from wing tip to wing tip, and is 20 feet long. The unusual tail consists only of a vertical stabiliser and rudder; there is no horizontal stabiliser or elevator assembly. "Elevons," developed Northrop for use on their large Flying Wing bombers, serve both as elevators and ailerons. The plane is powered by twin gas-turbine engines. The fourth in a series of "X" planes ordered by the Air Force, the X-4 will continue research pioneered by the X-1, manufactured by Bell Aircraft of Buffalo, New York, in Eastern United States. The X-1 was the first plane to fly faster than the speed of sound.

MR. NEHRU MAKES GREAT IMPRESSION ON AMERICANS

New York, October 16.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, left behind him in Washington today the profound impression in official circles that one of the most historic meetings between East and West had taken place.

Both public and private reactions to the Indian Prime Minister's four days' stay in Washington made it clear that no visit since the war-time appearances of Mr. Winston Churchill had left such a stirring impression.

President Truman spoke both publicly and privately of his personal admiration for a great public servant.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, spoke of Mr. Nehru as an equal of the fathers of the American nation itself, such as Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson.

Washington has now settled down to a study of the statements made by the Prime Minister with a view to the detailed formulation of United States policy towards India. In his public statements the Prime Minister laid down certain basic principles of Indian foreign policy.

He made these things clear:

(1) That India would not remain neutral in the event of aggression or any threat to freedom or justice.

This was not interpreted here to mean that India would be an automatic ally of the United States in what is called the cold war against Russia. But it was interpreted to mean that India's role in world affairs would not be a passive one.

It was noted that Mr. Nehru, in his address to Congress, said that aggression must be "resisted", but "the force employed must be adequate to the purpose".

India's Aim

(2) That the primary purpose of Indian policy was to raise the standard of living of the Indian people and, that American aid would be welcomed both in the form of capital investment and mechanical and technological assistance.

(3) That the raising of the standard of living of India and of Asia was necessary to give the social stability which was the best safeguard against Communism.

(4) That there must be no colonial exploitation of India and that aid should be given without any condition which might involve a sacrifice of Indian sovereignty, independence and freedom.

(5) That India, without seeking it, had become the leader of Asia and that isolation had become as impossible for India in the East as for the United States in the West.

No Decisions

It can be authoritatively stated that no decisions were sought or reached on any proposals stemming from these basic promises by the Prime Minister in his talks with United States Government leaders.

A general understanding of each other's point of view and of common purposes was achieved.

Mr. Nehru did not seek to precipitate a conclusion on the the many subjects affecting India which are under discussion here—the implementation of President Truman's Point Four programe for assisting in developing the under-developed areas of the world and the possibility of loans to India from the World Bank and the United States Export-Import Bank.

He did, however, succeed in creating an atmosphere in which Indian officials here will be able to discuss such proposals with American officials in greater intimacy, backed by a closer understanding of each other's general point of view.—Reuter.

Acheson May Visit India Next Year

Washington, October 16.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told the United Press today that he might visit India some time during the coming year. Mr. Acheson stood by during the 10 minutes between Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's plane taxiing away from the apron and when its wheels actually left the ground.

Chatting with a United Press reporter and the Indian Embassy press assistant, Pagdish Arora, during this time, Mr. Acheson said he always wanted to see India and thought he might be able to do so during 1950. He added, however, that any such plans would depend on interim developments and the wishes of Congress.

Mr Acheson observed that the Secretary of State is not his own boss and Congress and world events have much to do with his whereabouts.

The Secretary said he thought Washington's reception of Mr Nehru during his four-day visit was warm and genuine. He said that he thought the reception received such wide national attention that India's Prime Minister is assured of big public welcomes wherever he sets foot in the United States.

He explained that wide press coverage has sparked interest in India and its leader down to the grass roots level.

Mr Acheson and State Department officials were on hand 10 minutes before Mr Nehru's long black limousine with two flags on the front pulled up in front of the military air transport terminal here.—United Press.

American Tribute To Pandit Nehru

New York, October 16.

Something indefinable in Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's personality made an instantaneous impact on the United States, said a letter published in the "New York Times" today.

Written by Mr. Louis Fischer, foreign correspondent and author of "Gandhi And Stalin," the letter occupied more than a column of space.

Mr. Fischer said: "Mahatma Gandhi once called him (Nehru) an artist, perhaps that is the explanation.

"Nehru is not merely the Prime Minister of an important country. He is an idealist whose sympathies encircle the oppressed of the globe."—Reuter.

OLDEST MINER DEAD

Pontefract, October 16.

A man believed to be Britain's oldest working coal miner has died in his 71st year in Pontefract. He was William Smith and he had worked 60 years in the mines. Last Saturday he completed a full week's as check-weightman at the Prince of Wales mine.

Smith first went down the mines at the age of 11, working 14 hours a day for one penny an hour.—Associated Press.

SWEDISH CHANCE OF NEUTRALITY

Stockholm, October 16.

The Swedish Defence Minister, Mr. Alan Vought, said today that long-range atom bombers had increased Sweden's chances of remaining neutral in any new world conflict because they made her less important as a military base.

Addressing a national defence meeting in Strangness, near Stockholm, Mr. Vought said: "Now that the United States is using the B-36 bomber, it is assumed that the atom bomb—as distinct from earlier means of destruction—must be carried to any enemy from bases in the United States.

"Only the American continent is considered sufficiently remote and deep base for this valuable weapon."—Reuter.

COMMUNISM LOSES GROUND IN JAPAN

Tokyo, October 16.

The Japanese Communists are losing ground and there are many indications that the Socialists may be working their way back up toward first place position which now is held by the ultra-Conservative Democratic-Liberal Party.

In the recent important election of members to the prefectural farmland committees, the Japanese Reds had only two victorious candidates.

The Socialists elected 66 of their candidates—the biggest victory for any single party in the race to place representatives in 458 positions.

The Democratic-Liberals, now the leading party in Japan, succeeded in electing only 58 candidates carrying their banner.

The importance of the results, according to diplomatic observers, lies in the gains of the Socialists and the losses of the Communists.

The trend in Japanese politics, if it continues, may cause some major changes in the Diet (National Legislative Assembly) when the next general election is held. The Socialists are demanding an election in the spring of 1950.

The Socialists rank in third place but their party is badly off in the all-important House of representatives of the Diet. They have 48 members.

Democrats Split

The Democrats with 70 seats are in second place but their party is badly split and given little chance of making a good showing if an election is held anytime soon.

The Democratic-Liberal Party, headed by Premier Shigeru Yoshida, is the top party, and the majority party in the Diet. It has 269 seats.

The significance of the prefectural farmland committee voting is that it may reflect a general decline of Communist popularity and a rise in the stock of the Socialists who once held the premiership but later dropped from favour.

The Communists were riding high after the general election last January when they increased their representation in the House of Representatives from four members to 35 members in a surprising show of strength.

Since then, however, there have been signs that the Communists were losing popular favour—much of the dissatisfaction against them growing out of opposition by the masses to the programme of violence being pushed by the Reds.

Big Question

General Douglas MacArthur believes that there is no longer a major Communist threat in Japan and observers are inclined to agree that the prefectural farmland committee elections confirm the Supreme Commander's point of view.

Inspired by its success in the farmland committee voting, the Socialist Party is making a big effort towards "reconstruction" of the party.

Former Japanese Premier Tetsu Katamama, chairman of the Socialist Party, announced that his party wants a general election next spring. He also has announced that the party is preparing "a definite line" in its attitude toward the Communist Party and "will make a determined effort to defeat Communism in Japan."

Observers now believe that the Socialists will have little trouble beating the Communist. The big question in Japanese politics is whether the Socialists can beat the ultra-Conservative Democratic-Liberals.—United Press.

PAKISTAN AND THE EMPIRE

Ottawa, October 16.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, said it will be more than a year before Pakistan's Constituent Assembly grapples with the question of whether to continue its present association with the Commonwealth.

At a press conference he was non-committal about the likely outcome when the question does come up. That, he said, will be be for the Constituent Assembly itself to decide.

Relations with the Commonwealth do rouse the people occasionally, he said, but Kashmir is the issue which most often reaches explosive proportions.

In his reference to the dispute between India and Pakistan over which Dominion Kashmir should join, the Foreign Minister said it is "quite clear that in a fair and impartial plebiscite" the people would vote to join his country.

He said India was bickering over the conditions of the truce prior to a United Nations plebiscite because that was the last obstacle before the people of Kashmir finally had their say. Once the truce conditions had been settled, Admiral Chester Nimitz of the United States would hold a popular vote under conditions he himself decreed.

The Communist victories in China had created "a delicate situation in the whole of Asia" and it was being watched "tensely", said Sir Mohammed. Communism was not strong in Pakistan.

The Asiatic defence picture was under constant study but any erection of a Pacific defence pact would largely meaningless without the North American continent in it, he said.—Associated Press.

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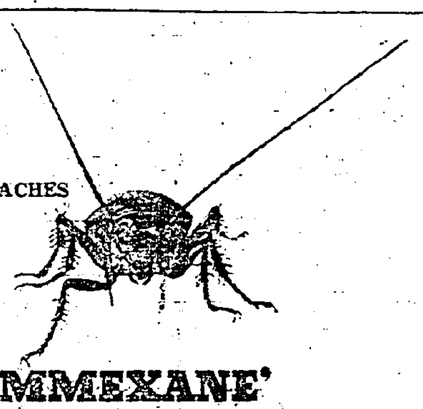

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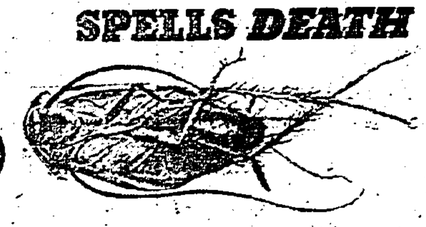

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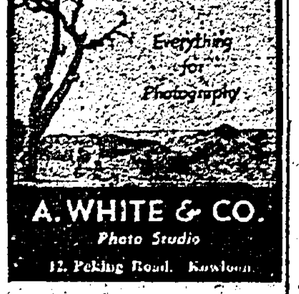

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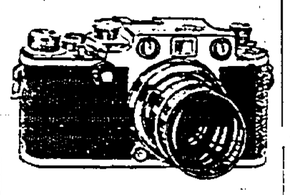
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Deep Crisis In Bulgaria, Belgrade Says

Belgrade, October 16.

A Yugoslav Foreign Office official wrote today that Bulgaria was passing through a deep crisis and that the Cominform was about to stage another treason trial with Traieno Kostov, former Bulgarian Deputy Premier, now under arrest, as chief defendant.

Mass arrests had been carried out by the Bulgarian security police, it was alleged by the official, Evan Kariavanov, Director of the Institute for International Policy at the Foreign Ministry, in the Yugoslav Communist Party newspaper, "Borba."

The object of the coming trial was to intimidate malcontents, including an enormous majority of peasants, and also Tito sympathisers of which there is no small number.

Kariavanov said that "the latest performance in the Cominform theatre" had been postponed because the chief actor unlike the famous Rajk, still did not know his part well enough.

He said that the second performance of the "burlesque in Sofia" will be more interesting than the Budapest premiere because there is much richer material.

Kostov, he wrote, was in fact "a Trotzkyist" and a spy, and this had been well known to the Yugoslavs, who had been warning the Bulgarian Communist Party about it.

Kostov, relieved of his Government posts in April, was arrested in July under the section of the Penal Code dealing with "economic sabotage."

The penalty for this crime is death or life imprisonment.

"All those who sympathise with Tito's Yugoslavia will be connected with the monstrous Sofia trial and there is no small number of these," Kariavanov said.

They would be accused of everything.

Policy Unpopular

He alleged that the Cominform-inspired policy of the Bulgarian Government was thoroughly unpopular and had led to "a steep crisis, agricultural, industrial and financial."

Petro Kunin, Bulgaria's Finance Minister, had been recently fired and probably arrested. Stephan Tonchiev, the Minister of Railroads, had been removed and the chief of the Railroad Directorate arrested.

The great opposition to the Government was among the transport workers, Kariavanov alleged, and a special directorate had been formed "to knock a bit of sense into them."

The Bulgarian Government had allegedly asked Russia to send special instructors.

Among other signs of crisis in Bulgaria, Kariavanov said, was discontent among the workers. Miners, he claimed, were fleeing to their villages where they could get more bread.

The Government's "muddle-headed policy" had alienated the majority of the poor and middle peasants who had ceased carrying out the sowing plan. This resulted in a dearth of wheat this year and forced Bulgarian leaders to borrow 160,000 tons from Russia.

Verge Of Collapse

"This policy has led Bulgaria to the verge of collapse, and the trial of Kostov is an attempt to justify the position," Kariavanov said.

Eight more members of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, Kariavanov added, were at present in prison, in addition to Kostov and his brother-in-law, Topencharov.

Komion Georgiev, former Premier and now Minister for the Five-Year Plan, was also declared by Kariavanov to be known by political quarters to be in contact with foreign information quarters and Kostov was only executing Georgiev's orders.

All these, Kariavanov said, were known as suspects that were allowed for other reasons to occupy the highest posts in the State.—Reuter.

ARREST OF CANON

Prague, October 16.

Roman Catholic sources reported today that Monsignor Svec, Canon of Prague's ancient St. Vitus Cathedral, has been arrested.

St. Vitus is the church of Archbishop Josef Beran, Catholic Primate of Czechoslovakia, who says he has been "interned" by the Government in his palace for the last four months.

Churchmen said that Monsignor Svec, who was an inmate of Nazi concentration camps during the war, had been seized on Friday.

Reasons for his arrest were not known but it may have been opposition to the new Government-sponsored Church Control Bill which Parliament adopted on Friday.

Church sources report that more than 200 priests have been gaoled for opposition to this measure, which makes all clergymen civil servants in the pay of the State but also makes their appointment subject to State approval.—Associated Press.

Haganah Man On A Grave Charge

Tel Aviv, October 16.

Lieutenant Colonel Isser Beeri, former intelligence chief of the Jewish Defence Force, the Haganah, today pleaded not guilty to the manslaughter of Captain Meir Tubiansky, who was shot as a spy on June 30 last year and later declared to be innocent.

Capain Tubiansky was executed by a firing squad after being sentenced by a summary court-martial, whose members included Colonel Beeri, for alleged espionage during the shelling of Jewish Jerusalem in May-June, 1948.

After months of investigation, the Israeli Premier, Mr. David Ben Gurion, declared the sentence "a deplorable miscarriage of justice." Colonel Beeri's trial before Tel Aviv's District Court opened this morning. "I am very sorry, indeed, to prosecute the accused, who I believed acted in good faith, thinking that he was performing his duty," said the Attorney General, Yarcov Shapiro.—Reuter.

SHELLS FALL IN SAIGON

London, October 16.

New Delhi Radio reported tonight that Saigon, the principal port and capital of Cochin-China, was shelled last night by Vietminh forces (Indo-Chinese autonomists) who are in conflict with the French-sponsored new State of Vietnam.

A few shells fell near a French warship, the report added. Some casualties were caused.—Reuter.

BELGRADE DESIRES PEACE

Belgrade, October 16.

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Edvard Kardelj, today expressed his country's desire to come to a "peaceful" settlement with Russia but reiterated its firm determination not to yield to "threats and pressure."

The position was outlined in Belgrade for the first time in articles given prominence in the official press to replies that M. Kardelj — now attending the United Nations General Assembly in New York—gave to a representative of the Egyptian newspaper, "Akbar el Jom," on October 6.

Since the answers were given, the 18-month-old cold war between Marshal Tito's Yugoslavia and the Russian-deminated Cominform has increased in intensity not only in the Councils of the United Nations but also in charges and counter-charges which have been flung back and forth during the past week as the Communist family row reached its highest pitch.—Associated Press.

CLASH INEVITABLE IN JAVA, ACCORDING TO JOGJAKARTA SULTAN

Batavia, October 16.

The Republican Minister of Defence said today that he fears that the uneasy U.N. truce with the Dutch will blow up in East Java and spread open warfare throughout Java and Sumatra.

Sultan Hamengku Buwono of Jogjakarta made this statement on his return to the Republican capital from Batavia, where he conferred during the past few days with the Dutch High Commissioner of the Crown, H. J. Lovink.

The Sultan said: "The rapidly deteriorating situation in East Java is full of explosive possibilities and if the Dutch continue to [illegible] to be feared that an armed clash is not only inevitable but will soon spread to the whole of Java and Sumatra."

He referred to the trouble the Dutch and Republicans are having to get along in the area where the two armies are intermingled. Earlier, the Dutch unofficially accused the Republicans of trying to surround Netherlands Army outposts to better the Republican military position. The Republicans accused the Dutch of disarming Republican soldiers and arresting Republican civil servants.

Such actions by either side were outlawed in the cease hostilities agreement of early August. Under it differences were to be settled through a local joint board with the help of United Nations military observers.

Dutch Surprise

The Sultan said: "While the situation in East Java is most acute of all, incidents of a similar nature are in evidence over other areas of Java and Sumatra."

An official communique of the Dutch government in Batavia expressed astonishment at the statement.

According to the communique, the Sultan's statement is a violation of the cease fire manual. By accepting the manual, the parties agreed to "refrain from radio broadcasts, press reports or any form of propaganda aimed at challenging or alarming the armed forces or civilians of the other party," the communique stated.

It added that the Dutch authorities are considering what steps should be taken.

Refugees From Central Java

Streams of refugees from Central Java areas, where Dutch troops have been withdrawn, arrived today at Sourabaya and others centres where the Dutch Army is in force, usually reliable Dutch sources said here tonight.

The refugees were said to consist mainly of Indonesian policemen, civil servants and their families, and Chinese "who feared to remain in towns occupied by Republican troops."

There was no official confirmation tonight of reports that guerillas had looted and fired houses in the areas evacuated by the Dutch.

The Netherlands Government expected to grant sovereignty to Indonesia on December 15 this year. In its session on Monday the Dutch Cabinet will decide on that date, an informed source at The Hague said.

November 1 has been set as a target for ending the round table conference and within six weeks after that date the agreements reached must be ratified, according to a decision taken some months ago.—Associated Press and Reuter.

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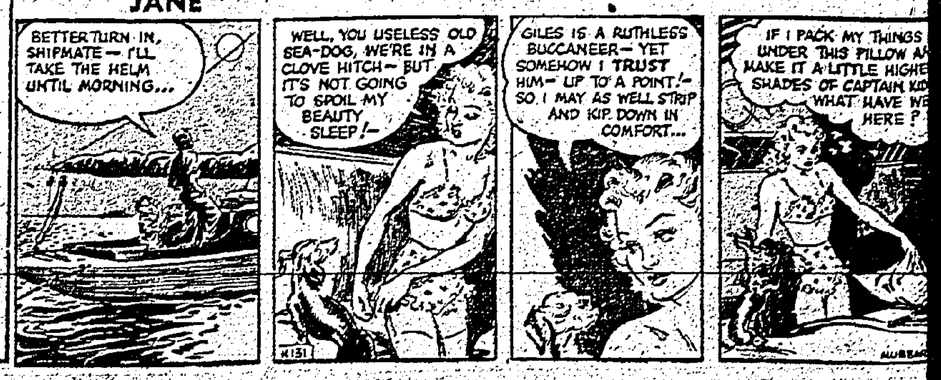

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EUROPE'S DRESS FRONT:

SHABBIER BUT FAR LESS CONSERVATIVE

London, October 16.

Europeans today dress more shabbily but less conservatively than they did before the war.

They wear brighter colours and in many countries follow the casual post-war styles of America rather than the elegant, formal styles displayed by Parisian couture houses.

But the man on the street in Europe is still suffering from the effects of five years of war. His wardrobe is half as full as it was in 1939, prices of clothes have soared and he can now buy one one suit instead of two every two years.

Women have had a much better chance of restocking their depleted wardrobes than men with cheap American dresses which have flooded the markets in the past two years.

Immediately after the war they brought cheap American and British copies of the French "New Look." They plumped for clipped in waistlines, voluminous and near ankle-length skirts.

Men also went in for more exaggerated fashions. They adopted the "Bold Look," with brighter coloured neckties, more heavily padded shoulders and wider lapels.

And everywhere throughout Europe, men and women are today far more informally dressed than 10 years ago.

For The Opera

Men go hatless and in sports clothes to work. In Rome, this summer, people even got into the opera with neckties, when before the war, a tuxedo was needed to even get a foot inside the lobby.

In 1948, a year after Christian Dior had revolutionised womens' fashions with his "New Look," he began shortening his skirts and cutting models in a slim, straight silhouette, and European women are now slowly copying the Paris look of the early 1930's.

After two fashion cycle changes since 1945, European women are today wearing snug-fitting cloche hats worn to one side, short almost Edwardian cut half, high, huge coat collars and close-fitting suits and dresses three inches below the knees.

Ten years ago the same women were wearing sailor hats tipped over their eyes, long hair styles, slinky dress worn above their knees and lots of jewellery and bits and pieces.

Much Shabbier

A survey of European countries by United Press showed in:

Paris:—French women are still much shabbier than before the war due to the high cost of 1949 materials and dressmaker's fees. A small dressmaker now charges an average of $50 to make a suit without supplying the material.

But wealthy, chic Parisian women who dress with the top couture houses spend up to $1,000 for an ensemble, suit, bag, shoes, etcetera.

They wear their skirts about 15 inches from the ground, at least two inches shorter than New York. Everybody is cutting their hair from one to two inches long in the back and high-heeled shoes have been replaced largely by popular flat-heels.

America is replacing England as a clothes inspiration for French women.

Young men are going in for bright plaid shirts and thick rubber crepe-soled shoes.

American Styles

Rome:—Italians today dress as well, if not better, than before the war. Pre-war dagger pointed shoes, spats and yellow or white gloves for men have completely disappeared. Italians still go in for flashing scarves of silk, wool or cotton, and neckties are brighter.

Italian women follow Paris styles closely, but are keeping a sharp eye on their own designers.

Belgium: — American dresses, hardly seen in pre-war days, are virtually monopolising the market at prices ranging from 500 francs to 1,000 francs.

Belgian styles, like British, follow Paris fashions at least one year late. Many women go hatless and women under thirty scarcely wear hats at all.

Germany:—Outcome of occupation is a mixture of styles. Half of the population tend to follow American fashions, especially German youngsters trying to copy American teen-agers, and the other half follow Paris styles and a more conservative, though modernised, form of dress.

Both men and women prefer brighter colours in clothes, neckties and shirts, etc. Women are better dressed than the men because women's materials are much cheaper and many of them make their own clothes.—United Press.

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Lesson 42

Vocabulary:

475. (lei) (2)lay. To manage. To regulate. To attend to. To look after. A principle. A theory. A reason.
476. (sz) see(1). To control. To manage. To preside over. A department.
477. (kung) goong(1). Public. Common. General. Official. Just. Fair. Unselfish.
478. (kung) (3)goong. To share. To partake. Totally. Wholly. Fully.
479. (paan) (3)baan. To transact. To manage. To provide.
480. (sz) see(1). Private. Personal. Selfish. Secret. Contraband.

Combinations:

1. Dah(2) (2)lay. To attend to. To look after. To take charge of. To care for.
2. See(1) (2)lay ((1)yun). A manager.
3. See(1) gay(1). To drive (a car).
4. See(1) gay(1) ((1)yun). A driver. A chauffeur. An engineer.
5. Goong(1) see(1). A company. corporation. A partnership.
6. Goong(1) (3)see. Official business. Public affairs.
7. (3)Goong (3)see. To work together.
8. Goong(1) (3)goong. Public. Common.
9. Goong(1)-(3)goong hay(3)-cheh(1). An omnibus.
10. (3)Baan (3)see. To transact business.
11. (3)Baan goong(1)-(3)see. To transact official business.
12. See(1) gah(1). Private.
13. See(1)-gah(1) (hay(3))-cheh(1). A private motor-car.
14. See(1) (3)see. Private affairs.

General Expressions:

1. Goong(1) see(3). An ambassador.

Tone Practice:

1. See(3)-gaan(1) goong(1)-see(1) (2)yau see(3)-gaw(3), see(1)-(2)lay. Four companies have four managers.
2. (2)Kui-(3)day (1)m-(8)hai hai(2) yut(1)-gaan(1) goong(1)-see(1) (3)goong-(3)see. They are not working together for the same company.
3. (2)Kui-(3)day hai(2) see(3)-gaan(1) goong(1)-see(1) (3)baan goong(1)-(3)see. They transact official business at each of the four companies.
4. (2)Kui-(3)day (2)yau see(3)-gah(3) see(1)-gah(1)-cheh(1). They have four private cars.
5. Gaw(2) see(3)-gah(3) see(1)-gah(1)-cheh(1) (2)yau see(3)-gaw(3) see(1)-gah(1)-cheh(1) (2)yau see(3)-gay(1). Those four private cars have four drivers.
6. (2)Kui-(3)day (2)yau dee(1) see(1)-(3)see (1)lay-hoy(1) goong(1)-see(1). They left their companies to go on private affairs.
7. Gaw(2) see(3)-gaw(3) see(1)-(2)lay (1)m-shih(1) see(1)-gay(1). Those four managers don't know how to drive.
8. (2)Kui-(2)day (2)taw dik(1)-see(2) hui(3) geen(3) goong(1)-see(3) (3)baan goong(1)-(3)see. They take taxis to go to see an ambassador to transact official business.
9. Geen(2)-(1)yuen goong(1)-see(3), (3)baan-(1)yuen goong(1)-(3)see, (2)kui-(3)day daap(3) goong(1)-(3)goong hay(3)-cheh(1) laan(1)hui(3) goong(1)-see(1). Having finished seeing the ambassador and transacting the official business, they catch an omnibus to go back to their companies.

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High Cost Of Rudolf Hess

Berlin, October 16.

Ernst Reuter, Lord Mayor of West Berlin, today complained that Rudolf Hess and the six other high Nazis imprisoned at Spandau are costing the city too much money.

Here Reuter asserted that the cost to West Berlin of maintaining the seven war criminals in prison is 450,000 marks (US$107,000) a year. He asked the city's Western commandants to meet him to discuss cutting expenses.

Spandau, built for 600 prisoners, now holds Hess, Baron Constantin von Neurath, Admiral Karl Doenitz, Admiral Erich Raeder, Walter Funk, Baldur von Schirach and Albert Speer.—United Press.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

OUTWARD AIR MAIL FOR JAPAN

The Outward Airmail for Japan scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 17, will now close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 1949 (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

AIR MAIL DELAYED

The Inward Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Monday, October 17, is now expected to arrive on Tuesday, October 18, 1949.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL MAIL FOR UNITED KINGDOM

Christmas parcel mail for United Kingdom per ss. Carthage will close as follows: GPO: (Parcel) 6 p.m. October 27, (Reg.) 9 a.m. October 28; (Ord.) 8.30 a.m. October 29.

Kowloon CPO: (Parcel) 5 p.m. October 27; (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. October 28; (Ord.) 9 a.m. October 29.

This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about November 28, 1949.

Unregistered correspondence only for Shanghai, Tientsin and North China can be accepted at senders risk and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Taipeh; Airmail for Chungking and Chengtu, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Lychow and Kweiyang; Airmail for Hoihow; Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Haiphong and Saigon, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.

Sandakan, 10 a.m.

Haiphong, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 12 noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Airmail for Okinawa, Tokyo and USA, (Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Airmail for Hoihow; Airmail for Kweiyang, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipeh; Airmail for Swatow; Airmail for Chungking and Chengtu; Airmail for Lychow and Kunming, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Japan, 9 a.m.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

P.M.

12.15—Religious Talk (Studio).
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.32—Light Variety with Ella Fitzgerald.
1.00—Orchestra Raymonde.
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—Theatre Memories.
2.00—Close Down.
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.02—"I Was There"—"They Killed the Archbishop" (A BBC Broadcast for Schools) (BBCTS).
6.30—Cantonese by Radio—Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee (Studio).
6.50—Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.
7.00—American Letter by Alistair Cooke (London Relay).
7.15—Mantovani and His Orchestra.
7.30—"Down Memory Lane"—Presented by Aileen Woods (Studio).
8.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
8.15—"The Green Fox Doth Caper"—By Jonathan Six (Studio).
8.30—"The Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries. A Cavalcade of Music of 19th Century Europe.
9.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
9.10—Weather Report.
9.11—"A Century of Music"—A Survey of the Music of the Last Hundred Years. 'Great Orchestras of Today.' The Fourth Talk by the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S.J. (Studio).
9.40—"Daphnis Et Chloe"—Suite No. 2 (Ravel). The Boston Symphony Orchestra.
9.55—London Studio Melodies—The Malachrino Orchestra with Rita Williams and Harry Dawson (BBCTS).
10.25—Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots.
10.40—Chanson Francaise.
11.00—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
11.15—Weather Report and Summary of News.
11.20—Close Down.

Rediffusion

H.K.T.

7.00—Up with the Sun—Bright Tunes to Start the Day.
7.15—Setting up Exercises—Approved Calisthenics.
7.30—Musical Clock—Variety Orchestra with Vocalists.
7.45—Kellogg's Breakfast Session.
8.00—News and Weather Forecast—From Rediffusion Studios.
8.15—Music by Magnante—Charles Magnante and Quartet.
8.30—Good Morning—Selections of Light Music.
8.50—Tune y'a Music—Manila Relay.
10.00—Morning Medley—Kay Armen, the Charioteers—Dave Dennis and his Orchestra.
10.30—Console Keyboard—Manila Relay.
11.00—Music for All—Manila Relay.

P.M.

12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange—A Daily Business Service.
12.15—Tune Time—Hank D'Amico and his Sextette.
12.30—Interval Signal.
12.32—Light Music—Relay.
1.00—Swing—Relay.
1.15—News—Relay.
1.30—From the Shows—Relay.
2.00—Variety Calls the Tune, Potpourri of Popular Light Music.
4.15—Tropicana—Music of Central America.
4.30—Vocally Yours—Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee etc.
5.00—Music Makers—The Orchestra of Tommy Dorsey and Fred Waring and His Pennsylvanians.
5.15—Children's Corner—With Betty Britt.
5.30—Movie Time—Music and Stories from the Film Studios.
6.00—Radio Headliners—Stars of World Radio—Bing Crosby and the Harry James Orchestra.
6.15—Reminiscin' with Singin' Sam.
6.30—Music for Millions—Ceylon Relay.
6.45—Richard Lin Sings—Hong Kong's Popular Tenor in a Classical Recital.
7.00—Listen to Leibert (Gilman)—From the Radio City Music Hall, New York City.
7.15—Concert Favourites (Churchman's No. 1 Cigarettes)—Light Classical Music.
7.45—The Super-Cola Programme—Sammy Kaye and the Kaydettes.
8.00—BBC News—London Relay.
8.15—South Americana.
8.30—Harmonica Harmony — Chamber Huang, with Shirley Wang at the Piano.
8.45—Let's Waltz—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
9.00—"Doctor Mac"—Real life drama of a country doctor who cares more than physical ills.
9.15—Vincent Lopez (Prestige Cookers)
9.30—"Free for All"—A Rediffusion Show for H. M. Armed Forces, conducted by Dai Jenkins and Angus McLeod, from the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Hennessy Road.
10.00—BBC News—London Relay.
10.10—Local News—From Rediffusion Studios.
10.15—Light Music—Relay.
10.40—Paris Cabaret Music—Relay.
11.00—Stardust — Symphonic Arrangements.
11.15—Soft Lights and Sweet Music — Manila Relay.
Midnight—Close Down—"God Save the King."

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"TJITJALENKA"	30th Oct.	28th Oct.

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"BOISSEVAIN"	8th Nov.	
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	23rd Oct.
"TEGELBERG"	28th Dec.	18th Nov.
"TJIKAMPEK"*	25th Jan.	8th Dec.

* No passenger accommodation available.

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ"	21st Oct.	
"VAN HEUTSZ"	16th Nov.	13th Nov.

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"BOISSEVAIN"	8th Nov.	
"STRAAT-SOENDA"	30th Nov.	23rd Oct.
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"TEGELBERG"	20th Nov.	2nd Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK"*	10th Dec.	21st Dec.

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENKERK"	14th Nov.	19th Oct.
"MEERKERK"	Early Dec.	Early Nov.

Transhipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to India, Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENKERK"	23rd Oct.	13th Nov.
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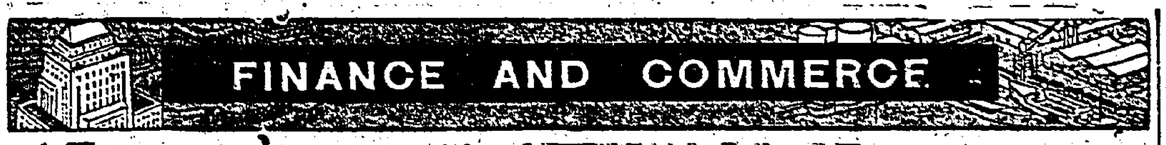

U.S. FINANCE REVIEW

LABOUR CONDITIONS AFFECT INDUSTRIES

New York, October 16.

Highly unsettled labour conditions forced new cutbacks in business and industry this week.

While there were only a few cases of slower activity due to an actual shortage of steel or coal, it was a case of general belt tightening all along the business front in preparation for anything that might develop from the prolonged labour crisis.

Virtually all major barometers of business and finance dipped a trifle or held about even with levels established last week, the first in which full effects of the twin walk-outs in coal and steel could be measured.

Total industrial production this week was leaner than last week despite a tiny improvement in output of steel and coal. Retail trade sagged badly in areas where a sizeable portion of the population is either on strike or has been affected by some phase of the present labour troubles. Primary textile markets were fairly busy, but there were reports of lessened forward buying in most all lines. This type of buying—principally to build up depleted inventories in anticipation of a big Christmas business—has been one of the main props under the business structure in recent weeks.

And topping it all off was an unknown amount of damage to business sentiment by fears, justified or not, that the country may be in for a long siege of industrial strife.

Wall Street Opinion

The staggering loss of millions of dollars a day in wages by more than a million strikers, the loss of more than one and one-quarter million tons of steel and more than 10,000,000 tons of soft coal weekly is only part of the economic consequences of the current strikes. The effect on the overall economy is somewhat like a pebble dropped in a quiet pool spreading its impulses in all directions.

Even the optimistic New York stock market appeared less confident that industry would escape any serious setback. After rising to new highs for the year early in the week, prices set-led down when operations were resumed after the Columbus Day holiday and sellers held the upper hand most of the time thereafter.

Retail trade declines ranged from five to 10 per cent in the South and Mid-west, six to nine on the Pacific Coast and four to eight in the Middle Atlantic and Eastern States.

Business failures this week were the highest in around a month.

The cumulative effects of the small cutbacks in major lines of industry showed up clearly in electric power production which fell behind a year ago for the first time since August, 1946.

Bank Clearings Lower

Steel production was but a shadow of its normal pattern at this time of year but showed a tiny bit of recovery from the initial shock of the work stoppage in the industry last week.

Freight carloadings continued to drop from the lack of coal movement and a general decline in the mass movement of goods.

Automobile production was less affected by steel and coal strikes than the general run of business operations but here too, there were minor dislocations.

Curtailed business in stores and the general tendency to contract in other fields was reflected in lower bank clearings, demand deposits and money in circulation. The changes were generally small, however, and were partially offset by another rise in business loans by banks, the ninth increase in a row.—Associated Press.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The improvement observable last Friday was maintained yesterday. It was fairly general, with Electrics, China Lights and Trams in the forefront.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
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Chartered Bank £10 1/16n.
Mercantile Bank A. & B. £22½n.
Bank of East Asia 107b.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 310n.
Union Ins. 640b, 655s, 650/45sa.
China Underwriters 6½n.
H.K. Fire Ins. 216b, 220sa.

SHIPPING
Douglases 200n.
H.K. & M. Steamboats 11n.
Indo Chinas (Pref.) 89½n.
" (Def.) 200n.
Shells (Bearer) 67/6n.
Union Waterboats 22n.
Asia Nav. 70n.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.
H.K. & K. Wharves 104sa.
North Point Wharves 51n.
Shanghai Hongkew Wharves 14n.
H.K. Docks 153½b, 17s.
China Providents 11b.
Shanghai Dockyards 6n.
Wheelocks 26b, 28sa.

MINING
Raub Mines 6.10n.
H.K. Mines .01½n.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & S. Hotels 10½s, 10⅞/.40sa.
H.K. Lands 51sa.
Shanghai Lands 2b.
Humphreys 8½b.
H.K. Realties 1.70b.
Chinese Estates 140n.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 16½s, 15⅝/16sa.
Peak Trams (Old) 12n.
" (New) 10n.
Star Ferries 27b.
C. Lights
(Old) 11.80b, 12.10s, 11.80/.90sa.
(New) 8.60b, 9s, 8.80/90sa.
H.K. Electrics 30b, 31s, 30/30½sa.
Macao Electrics 21½n.
Sandakan Lights 83sa.
Telephones 17⅝b, 19s.
Shanghai Gas 2n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Mack. (Ord.) 25.60n.
Canton Ices 8½n.
Cements 19sa.
H.K. Ropes 13b.

STORES, Etc.
Dairy Farms 39b, 40½s, 39½/39⅝sa.
Watsons 42b, 43s, 41½/42½sa.
L. Crawfords 26½b.
Sincere's X.D. 4.40n.
China Emporium 8n.
Sun Co., Ltd. 2.85n.
Kwong Sang Hong 102n.
Wing On (H.K.) 72n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 9½n.

MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainments 14n.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 2.30n.
" (New) 2n.
Vibro Pilings 15n.
Marsman Investments 9/-n.
Marsman (H.K.) 2n.
Shanghai Loan 1.80n.
Yangtsees 2.30b, 2.40sa.

COTTONS
Ewos 5b.

RUBBER, Etc., COMPANIES
Alma Estates 14n.
Anglo-Dutch .30n.
Anglo-Javas 1n.
Batu Anams .40n.
Bute Plantations 2n.
Chemor United .40n.
Cheng Rubbers .20n.
Consolidated Rubbers 1n.
Dominion Rubbers 1n.
Langkats 1n.
Renah Rubbers .30n.
Rubber Trusts 5n.
Samanggo Rubbers .25n.
Semambu Rubbers .25n.
Shanghai Kedahs 1n.
Shanghai-Malays 12n.
Shanghai Sumatras 1n.
Sungei Duris 13½n.
Tanah Merahs .60n.
Tebong Rubbers .40n.
Ziangbe Rubbers 1n.

Japanese To Buy American Raw Cotton

Tokyo, October 16.

The Japanese Government is shortly expected to buy $10 million worth of American raw cotton (about 60,000 bales) from the United States aid counterpart fund, it was learned yesterday.

This purchase is to be made as part of the raw cotton purchases programme, under which the Government was authorised by SCAP to utilise counterpart funds totalling $81 million for the purchase of about 500,000 bales of American raw cotton during a one-year period from July 1949, to June 1950.

The Government, in the meantime, recently decided to let private cotton dealers handle the remaining purchase of American raw cotton as soon as possible.

An official of the International Trade and Industry Ministry said that Japan was able to buy some foodstuffs from the non-dollar areas.—Reuter.

Money Market

US dollars dropped to HK$6 yesterday but went up again to $6.03 at the close, the same as the opening rate.

TT was put through from HK$6.05 to $6.07.

Sterling was unchanged at HK$15.60.

Australian pounds were higher at HK$11.85.

Piastres at HK$11.90 a 100 were unchanged, as also were Ticals at HK$27 a 100.

NEI Guilders were stationary at HK$25.40 a 100.

Japan's Membership Of The ICC

New York, October 16.

Mr. Henry J. Heinz, president of the United States Council of International Chamber of Commerce, said the matter of Japan's re-admittance as a member of the ICC had not been decided.

It was the opinion of the United States Council that she should be admitted on the same status as Germany—as an observer only.

Mr. Heinz made the statement prior to his departure yesterday afternoon for Paris where he will attend the semi-annual meeting of the International ICC on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mr. Philip Cortney, member of the executive committee of the United States Council.

Mr. Heinz said Japan's application for membership in the ICC had been received and clearance had been obtained from the State Department.

Pointing out that the ICC "is a business body," Mr. Heinz added that since "trade after the war must include Japan just as before the war, it would be appropriate that they should be members. It will be the first step in better integration of the Japanese trading economy in multilateral world trade."

He said, however, that the average American businessman is concerned that low wage Japanese labour would make very difficult competition in the United States market. This is particularly true in the sales of electric light bulbs, textiles, bicycles, toys and novelties.

Mr. Heinz said it was debatable whether the fears of American business men are justified.

If the matter of Japanese entry into the ICC was brought up at the Paris meeting he would encourage her participation as an observer but had not decided whether the American delegation would bring the question up.—United Press.

Raw Cotton Prices Up

Manchester, October 17.

The Raw Cotton Commission announced today higher selling prices to British mill owners as a result of rises in British cotton prices at Alexandria.

The increases were: Brazilian and East African cotton, up one farthing to a half-penny per pound. Egyptian varieties, up by twopence to 2½d. Sudan and West Indian types, up twopence.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN SHIPPING POSITION

Washington, October 16.

Senator Owen Brewster (Republican) today called activity in the Swedish and German shipping industries "disquieting."

He contended that the United States is "financing itself out of existence in the commercial shipping field" and said the U.S. had "rendered obsolete 500 ships of the American merchant marine" by financing in Britain which resulted in expansion of that country's ship-building industry.

Senator Brewster also charged the United States with "fostering a policy of starvation" by failing to recognise Franco Spain.

Senator Brewster hinted that he had learned that the Spanish Loyalist government in exile might move soon to regain power.

He asked the U.S. people to "consider well the implication of our current foreign policy" toward Spain.

He claimed that the Spanish government in exile took a US$500,000,000 war chest with it when it left home.

In September, Senator Brewster made a trip to Europe that included talks with General Francisco Franco in Madrid.—United Press.

Government Buying In Pakistan

Karachi, October 16.

Jute and cotton in Pakistan will now be purchased by the Government and not by private enterprise.

Finance will be provided by the proposed National Bank of Pakistan, which will soon come into existence.

The ordinance which sets up a semi-official National Bank of Pakistan with an authorised capital of 60,000,000 Rupees, is reported to be in course of preparation.

A promoters' company, established eight months ago, has completed all spade work and the National Bank will start its work initially with five offices in cotton and jute areas.

The Government's share in the proposed National Bank would be 25 per cent.—Associated Press.

U.S. Honour For Cosmos Co.

Cosmos Aerated Water Co. (H.K.) Ltd., bottlers of "Cosmos" beverages, has attained another honour in the U.S.A. It gained wide recognition in the bottling industry field when it was featured in a whole page of the "Squirt Reporter," a well-known publication in Beverly Hills, California.

Mr. Hubert G. H. Wong is President and General Manager of company, which has gone through hazardous times since it was founded in Manila in 1918 by the late Mr. Wong Ning, father of the two brothers who now operate the branches in Hong Kong and Manila, respectively. During World War II, the plant in Manila was taken over by the Japanese, and Wong Ning was imprisoned during the Japanese occupation. He died a few months before liberation. After liberation the plant was razed to the ground by fire, and his sons undertook the reorganisation and rehabilitation of the present bottling factories.

NEW BANK POST

Washington, October 16.

The International Bank today announced the appointment of Walter Hill of the United Kingdom as special representative in Paris in charge of the Bank's office here.

The Bank also announced the closing of its offices in the Hague and Copenhagen, which have been supervising the use of loans made to those two countries. Their functions are being transferred to Paris, with Andrew Detchihatchef, now of the Hague, in charge, and Andre F. Goelot, now of Copenhagen, as assistant.

Mr. Hill succeeds J. Grant Forbes, who has reached the Bank's retirement age.—United Press.

METAL INDUSTRY THREATENED

Cleveland, October 16.

The metal-working industry is threatened with creeping paralysis as a result of the steel and coal strikes, the magazine Steel says.

While comparatively new fabricators have curtailed operations thus far for the lack of supplies, an unprecedented contraction of activities is forecast for next month unless the labour disputes are settled, Steel observes.

The magazine said that by the end of this month, consumers' inventories will begin to evaporate or become too unbalanced to permit economical production in many plants.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

M.V. "AUTOMEDON"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed att Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on October 17 and 18, 1949, and consignees are requested tto have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hong Kong, October 17, 1949.

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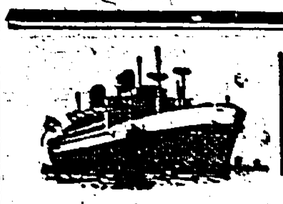

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"BENLAWERS"	—do—	19th Nov.
"BENRINNES"	—do—	21st Nov.
*"BENARTY"	—do—	28th Nov.
"BENVORLICH"	—do—	10th Dec.

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SHIP	TO	LOADING
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"BENLEDI"	Genoa, Liverpool, Glasgow, Leith & Dublin	5th Nov.
"BENWYVIS"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre & Hull	11th Nov.
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TODAY

Montana (Dodwell) ex-U.S.A.
Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-U.S.A.

TOMORROW

Balichistan (Jardine) ex-Japan.
Molenkerk (RIL) ex-Europe.
Noreverett (Everett) ex-Japan.
Pres. Polk (APL) ex-U.S.A.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Hewsang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
Java Mail (Everett) for U.S.A.
Kweiyang (B & S) for Swatow.

TODAY

Bombay (Thoresen) for U.S.A.
Foochow (B & S) for Yokohama.
Loksang (Jardine) for Keelung.
Tarn (Dodwell) for U.S.A.

TOMORROW

Montana (Dodwell) for U.S.A.
Pakhoi (B & S) for Yokohama.
Pioneer Wave (USL) for Manila.

Vessels In Port

Acavus (B & S) .....T.D.
Alexia (B & S) ..... K.B.
An Hsin (King Tai) ..... S.S. Fe
Anhui (B & S) B.15
Azov (Manuel Trading Co.) .... Yan.
Automedon (B & S) ..... Holts
Bankivia (B & S) ..... T.K.T.
Bitifang (EAC) B.3
Boisservain (RIL) A.5
Bris (Jebsens) B.8
Cape St. David (Gibb) ..... N.P.
Chiping (CMSN) ..... Co.'s Wf.
Chong Hsing (Chung Hsing) .. K.B.
Chung 102 (CMSN) ..... S.C.
Coryda (B & S) ..... L.C.K.
Dah Tung (NC) ..... S.C.
Eastern (Mac Mac) ..... T.D.
Eastern Trader (Yuen Tung) .... Yan.
English Prince (Bank) .... Mac Whf.
Foochow (B & S) ..... K.B.
Fukien (B & S) ..... B.S
Frederick Clover (RASC) .... Harbour
Glenroy (Jardine) ..... A.I
Glensara (Jardine) ..... Holts
Greater Shanghai (Wallem) .... Yat.
Hai Lin (CMSN) ..... Yolo
Hai Nui (Hai Ying) ..... Yat.
Hung Chang (CMSN) ..... S.C.
Hung Yung (CMSN) ..... T. Wan
Inchmull (Tai Tung) ..... K.B.
Islas Visayas (Wallem) ..... Yat.
Joseph S (PCM) ..... K. Dk.
Kambodia (E.A.) ..... K. Whf.
Kettleman Hills (Mollers) .... K. Bay
Laura Maersk (Jebsen) .... K. Bay
Lee Kung B.22
Loksang (Jardine) ..... K. Whf.
Mansang (Jardine) B.20
Mei Ting (BOTRA) ..... S.C.
Ming 102 (CMSN) ..... Co.'s Whf.
Mui Nan (Chin Seng Hong) B.16
Nanchang (B & S) B.5
Nairabank (Bank) ..... Kailan
New Shanghai (Trinity) ..... S.C.
Oriental (FEE) ..... K.D.
Pakhoi (B & S) B.8
Pioneer Dale (USL) A.12
Poyang (B & S) B.4
Prosper (Jebsens) ..... Yan.
Rum River (Caltex) ..... K. Bay
Sinkiang (B. & S) ..... T.K.
Soochow (B & S) ..... Cust.
Stanvac (SO) ..... LCK
Store Nordiske (GNTC) ..... H.H.B.
Steel Worker (Gilman) ..... K. Whf.
Szechuen (B & S) B.14
Taiposhan (Shun Cheong) ..... S.C.
Tien Ping (CMSN) ..... G.I.
Ting Hsing (Chung Hsing) ..... K.B.
Talabot (Thoresen) A.10
Teh Wai ..... SS Po
Tjisadane (RIL) A.10
Tjisodas (RIL) ..... Dock
Tudor (Dodwell) A.7
Union Power (Wallem) .... Kow. D.
Union Star (Wallem) B.5

Vessels Due From

SOUTH AFRICA

	October
Straat Soenda (RIL)	23
	December
Tjikampek (RIL)	8

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

	October
Belleville (Thoresen)	23
City Of Chester (Bank)	21
Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen)	25
Oregon (Dodwell)	25
Ocean Mail (Everett)	23
Pioneer Wave (USL)	13
Pres. Polk (APL)	19
Telemachus (B & S) ex-U.S.A.	25
Yaka (Wallem)	23
Pioneer Lake (USL)	29
Marine Snapper (APL)	30
	November
City of Alma (Wallem)	1
Dona Nati (Rama)	Early
Ferndale (Thoresen)	10
Leise Maersk (Jebsen)	4
Lisholt (Wallem)	11
Mount Davis (APL)	4
Pioneer Sea (USL)	29
Pres. Johnson (APL)	29
Pleasantville (Thoresen)	25
Steel Admiral (Gilman)	5
Tilania (Dodwell)	17
Trein Maersk (Jebsen)	20
	December
Fernfield (Thoresen)	27
Mandeville (Thoresen)	10
Steel Vendor (Gilman)	1
	January
Javanese Prince (Jardine)	1
Granville (Thoresen)	15
	February
Chinese Prince (Jardine)	4
	March
British Prince (Jardine)	6

PACIFIC COAST

	October
Arizona (Dodwell)	21
Castleville (Bank)	21
Great Republic (USL) ex-San Francisco	25
Matsuta (Dodwell)	13
Pacific Bear (USL) ex-Frisco	27
Pres. Madison (APL) ex-San Francisco	26
Serampore (E.A.)	23
	November
Boolongera (Wallem)	1
Bougainville (Bank)	21
California Bear (USL) ex-San Francisco	8
Colorado (Dodwell)	9
General Gordon (APL) ex-Frisco	4
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ex-Frisco	29
Pres. Pierce (APL) ex-Frisco	2
Pres. Wilson (APL)	4
Sea Serpent (USL)	8
Vesteroy (Wallem)	24
Wyoming (Dodwell)	29

AUSTRALIA

	November
Aros (Dodwell)	27
Kafristan (Jardine) ex-Adelaide ..	9
Hindustan (Jardine) ex-Adelaide ..	24
Yunnan (B & S) ex-New Zealand	12

CHINA

	October
Wosang (Jardine) ex-Keelung	20

EUROPE

	October
Benvenue (Loxley)	27
Benledi (Loxley) ex-U.K.	21
Breconshire (Jardine)	23
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London ..	24
Cyclops (B & S) ex-U.K.	31
Dymas (B & S) ex-U.K.	21
Molenkerk (RIL)	19
	November
Antilochus (B & S)	11
Benarty (Loxley)	9?
Bengal (Gilman)	21
Benlawers (Loxley)	18
Benrinnes (Loxley)	27
Champollion (MM) ex-Marseilles ..	4
Corfu (Mac Mac)	21
Cyclops (B & S) ex-Genoa	26
Eurymedon (B & S) ex-U.K.	5
Eurypylus (B & S)	27
Glengarry (Jardine)	2
Korea (E.A.)	End
La Marseillaise (MM) ex-Marseilles	23
Meerkerk (RIL)	Early
Ridderskerk (Jardine)	23
Tamerlane (Thoresen)	20
Ste Mere Eglise (MM)	15
Soudan (Mac Mac) ex-U.K.	24
Shillong (Mac Mac) ex-London ..	20
	December
Bali (Gilman)	15
Benvorlich (Loxley)	10
Cantara (Mac Mac) ex-London	19
Trafalgar (Thoresen)	10
	January
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London ..	16

INDIA

	November
Ozarda (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay	Early
Sangola (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ..	19
Shirala (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ..	19
	December
Purnea (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay ..	Early

JAPAN

	October
Baluchistan (Jardine)	19
Changte (B & S)	31
Ninghai (B & S)	23
Noreverett (Everett) ex-Yokohama	19
Produce (B & S)	27
Sirdhana (Mac Mac)	29
	November
Loksang (Jardine)	4
Molenkerk (RIL)	13
Straat Soenda (RIL)	20
Star Betelgeuse (Everett)	14
Towergrane (Mac Mac)	5
	December
Meerkerk (RIL)	Early
Tjikampek (RIL)	21

SOUTH EAST PORTS

	October
Hangsang (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	22
Heinrich Jessen (B & S) ex-S'apore	23
Kutsang (Jardine) ex-Straits	26
Noreverett (Everett) ex-Manila ..	23
Pioneer Land (USL) ex-Manila ..	22
Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Manila	23
Pres. Johnson (APL) ex-Straits ..	21
Star Betelgeuse (Everett) ex-Singapore	21
Straat Soenda (RIL) ex-Manila ..	23
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Java Ports	27
	November
Star Alcyone (Everett) ex-Singapore	12
Pioneer Lake (USL) ex-Manila ..	8
Van Heutsz (RIL) ex-Singapore ..	13

SOUTH AMERICA

	October
Straat Soenda (RIL)	23

Sailings To

AFRICA

October
30 Holly Bank (Bank).
November
8 Boisservain (RIL).
20 Straat Soenda (RIL).
December
28 Terelberg (RIL).
January
25 Tjikampek (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

October
20 Balichistan (Jardine).
27 Clios (Dodwell) for Sydney.
November
3 Changte (B & S) for Sydney, Melbourne.
22 Eastern (Mac Mac).
December
Early Kafristan (Jardine) for Sydney.
9 Aros (Dodwell).

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

October
18 Fernbay (Thoresen).
22 Olga Maersk (Jebsen).
24 Pioneer Land (USL).
24 Ocean Mail (Everett).
25 Oregon (Dodwell) for Vancouver.
31 Steel Executive (Gilman).
End. Taybank (Bank) for Boston.
31 Marine Snapper (APL).
November
Early Donna Arrora (Rama).
17 Ferndale (Thoresen).
14 Laura Maersk (Jebsen).
23 St. Augustine Victory (Gilman).
25 Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen).
Late Dona Nati (Rama).
30 Pres. Johnson (APL) for N. York.
December
1 Pioneer Sea (USL).
12 Mandeville (Thoresen).
30 Allegheny Victory (Gilman).

PACIFIC COAST

October
18 Tara (Dodwell).
19 Montana (Dodwell).
23 Vizcaya (Wallem).
25 Philippine Transport (Jardine) for Los Angeles.
27 Pres. Madison (APL) for San Francisco.
27 Great Republic (USL) for San Francisco.
28 Pacific Bear (USL) for Frisco.
28 Serampore (E.A.).
29 Pioneer Wave (USL).
29 Francisville (Bank).
30 Serampore (EA) for Frisco.
31 Steel Executive (Gilman).
November
1 Arizona (Dodwell).
8 H.K. Transport (Jardine) for Los Angeles.
15 Pres. Wilson (APL) for San Francisco.
4 California Bear (USL) for San Francisco.
5 Gen. Gordon (APL) for Frisco.
9 Pres. Pierce (APL) for Frisco.
10 Sea Serpent (USL) for Frisco.
10 Pioneer Lake (USL).
10 Colorado (Dodwell).
10 Sea Serpent (USL) for San Frisco.
17 Talleyrand (Dodwell).
21 Wyoming (Dodwell).
28 St. Augustine Victory (Gilman).
December
3 Pres. Cleveland (APL) for San Francisco.
17 Tilania (Dodwell).
30 Allegheny Victory (Gilman).

CHINA

October
18 Loksang (Jardine) for Keelung.
22 Wilhelmina (Jardine) for Keelung.
22 Iris (Jardine) for Incheon.
29 Ninghai (B & S) for Inchon.
November
14 Kafristan (Jardine) for Keelung.

EUROPE

October
20 Glenorchy (Jardine) Aden, Port Said.
25 Socotra (Mac Mac).
25 Aeneas (B & S) for Liverpool.
28 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
30 Benvenue (Loxley).
November
5 Hemland (Gilman).
5 Champollion (MM) for Marseilles.
5 Benledi (Loxley).
5 Tara (Thoresen).
12 Kambodia (E.A.).
Beg. Kambodia (EA).
7 Benwyvis (Loxley).
11 Automedon (B & S) for Liverpool.
14 Molenkerk (RIL).
15 Ste Mere Eglise (MM).
23 Benlawers (Loxley).
25 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
27 Shillong (Mac Mac).
28 Benrinnes (Loxley).
End Andaman (Gilman).
December
Early Meerkerk (RIL).
5 La Marseilles (MM).
13 Tamerlane (Thoresen).
Antilochus (B & S) for Liverpool.
15 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
20 Benarty (Loxley).
Mid. Korea (E.A.).
January
20 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
February
17 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.

MARCH
17 Carton (Mac Mac) for London.

JAPAN

October
19 Pakhoi (B & S) for Yokohama.
19 Foochow (B & S) for Yokohama.
22 Star Betelgeuse (Everett).
22 Eastern (Mac Mac) for Yokohama. Kobe.
30 Terelberg (RIL).
23 Molenkerk (RIL).
24 La Marseillaise (MM).
30 Hermelin (Thoresen) for Yokohama
November
3 Straat Soenda (RIL).
Early Meerkerk (RIL).
8 Leneverett (Everett).
14 Star Alcyone (Everett).
17 Bradeverett (Everett).
21 Sangola (Mac Mac).
End. Hindustan (Jardine).
December
10 Tjikampek (RIL).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

October
19 Pioneer Wave (USL) for Manila.
21 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
20 Noreverett (Everett) for Manila.
21 Soochow (B & S) for Saigon.
22 Castleville (Bank) for Singapore.
23 Anhui (B & S) for Singapore.
24 Pres. Johnson (APL) for Straits.
26 Produce (B & S) for Bangkok.
29 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Java Ports.
30 Noreverett (Everett) for Singapore.
30 Pioneer Lake (USL) for Manila.
30 Hai Lee (Thoresen) for S'pore.
30 Kutsang (Jardine) for Singapore.
31 Sirdhana (Mac Mac) for Straits.
November
7 Towergrane (Mac Mac) for Straits.
9 Steel Admiral (Gilman) for Bangkok.
8 Boissevain (RIL) for Manila.
16 Star Betelgeuse (Everett) for Manila.
16 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
20 Straat Soenda (RIL) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

November
20 Straat Soenda (RIL).
December
23 Terelberg (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

October
20 Pres. Polk (APL).
November
5 Mount Davis (APL).

JAP MISSION IN PAKISTAN

Karachi, October 16.

A four-man Japanese trade mission led by B. W. Adams of SCAP's Textile Division arrived in Karachi on Saturday night. Adams said the mission came to Pakistan to formalise the Japan-Pakistan trade agreement signed in Karachi on April 30, 1949.

The mission has not yet fixed a programme but is expected to remain in Karachi for 30 days. Reports indicated the general belief that the Karachi mission will purchase large quantities of cotton.—United Press.

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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

BOAC ex-London/Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.
AIR FRANCE ex-Haiphong and Saigon: 5 p.m.
CNAC ex-Swatow: 2.20 p.m.: ex-Taipeh: 6.40 p.m.: ex-Kunming: 5.45 p.m.: ex-Calcutta via Rangoon, Kunming: 5.25 p.m.: ex-Yulin via Haikow: 6.40 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh: ex-Kunming; ex-Chungking: ex-Swatow: ex-Tainan.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
POAS ex-Bangkok: 4 p.m.
TAL ex-Guam.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Taipeh: 6.40 p.m.: ex-Taipeh: 4.20 p.m.: ex-Samfu: 6.30 p.m.: ex-Chungking via Kweilin, Liuchow: 5.40 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh: ex-Haikow: ex-Chengtu via Chungking: ex-Swatow: ex-Liuchow: ex-Kweiyang.
CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 2 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.: ex-Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
CPAL ex-Vancouver via Tokyo: 7 a.m.
BRAATHENS: ex-Oslo via Bangkok: 4 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

CNAC ex-Taipeh via Tainan, Swatow: 3.35 p.m.: ex-Kunming: 5.30 p.m.: ex-Samfu: 6.30 p.m.: ex-Yulin via Haikow: 6.40 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh via Swatow: ex-Kunming: ex-Chengtu via Chungking: ex-Tainan.
CPA ex-Manila: 12.30 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo: 4.50 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CNAC for Samfu: 9.30 a.m.: Haikow: 8 a.m.: Yulin via Haikow: 8 a.m.
CATC for Taipeh: 10 a.m.: Kunming: 8.30 a.m.: Chengtu via Chungking: 8.30 a.m.: Tainan via Swatow: 7.30 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2.30 p.m.
BRAATHENS for Bangkok/Oslo: 7 a.m.
QANTAS for Labuan/Sydney: 8 a.m.
BOAC for Bangkok/London: 9.30 a.m.: for Singapore: 10 a.m.
TAL for Guam.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Haiphong: 9.30 a.m.
CNAC for Chungking: 7 a.m.: Chengtu: 7.30 a.m.: San Francisco via Guam, Honolulu: 8 a.m.: Taipeh via Swatow, Tainan: 8 a.m.
CATC for Taipeh: 10 a.m.: Haikow: 9 a.m.: Swatow: 9 a.m.: Kweiyang via Liuchow: 7.30 a.m.: Chengtu via Chungking: 9 a.m.
CPA for Manila: 3.30 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 5.30 p.m.: San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu: 10 a.m.
POAS for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.
BOAC for Tokyo: 8.15 a.m.
TAL for Guam.

THURSDAY

CNAC for Haikow: 8 a.m.: Kunming: 8.30 a.m.: Kunming via Liuchow, Kweilin: 8 a.m.; Yulin via Haikow: 8 a.m.
CATC for Taipeh: 10 a.m.: Bangkok: 12 noon: Kunming: 8.30 a.m.: Chungking: 8 a.m.; Tainan via Swatow: 7.30 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2.30 p.m.
CPAL for Tokyo/Vancouver: 3.30 p.m.

U.S. POSITION THAT OF 1929

Washington, October 16.

Congress has been told that prices in the United States generally may have reached the same period of stabilisation on a high plateau that preceded the financial crisis of 1929.

Whether the crash and the severe depression which followed can be avoided this time is perhaps the most fundamental problem facing the nation's economic planners, a memorandum to the Senate—House Economic Committee said.

The memorandum was drafted by the staff of a committee assigned to study factors affecting the volume and stability of private investment.

Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, said: "If is recognised that the maintenance of a system of free private enterprise depends upon the maintenance of an opportunity for the investment of private capital."—Associated Press.

BRAZIL RUBBER

Rio De Janeiro, October 16.

Production of natural rubber for the first six months of this year totalled about 1,856 tons. It may not exceed 4,000 tons for the entire year.

Record high output was in 1944 when total output was 21,192 tons. It dropped to 14,510 tons in 1947 and down to 5,448 tons last year. The United States is the biggest buyer of Brazilian rubber, followed by England, France and Germany.—Associated Press.

Havana, October 16.

Workers of the Cuban aviation company went on strike today as a protest against alleged pay reductions. Airports at Havana, Santiago, Samaguey and other places were placed under Army custody and several workers and union leaders were arrested.—Reuter.

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BRITISH BOXING BOOSTED BY SANDS-MEAD FIGHT

London, October 16.

A lot was done for British boxing in the Harringay Arena this week by the Australian, Dave Sands, and the American, Pete Mead, in their international middleweight contest.

These two boxers, the coloured Australian and the cowboy from Arkansas, gave the 8,000 spectators a real treat. Most of them voted the fight the best that they had seen for years, if not ever.

It was not that it was such a skilful contest. Sands was obviously the better boxer, but that the two of them went 10 rounds hammer and tongs, hitting each other with all they had not for all they were worth.

They did not seek clinches or try to avoid going into battle. They just traded blows like two men fighting over a girl. It was movie stuff, only better done than any film star could do it.

Crowd Cheered

No wonder the crowd rose to its feet at the finished and cheered until the rafters rung. Mos; of this applause was for the American, who took such a beating and yet refused to go under. For seven rounds the American fought with a badly cut eye, but he was perhaps the fitter man at the finish.

Sands was exhausted trying to knock out a man who just would not take the count.

Mead was astonished at the wonderful reception he received and he will certainly cross the Atlantic with happy memories of British boxing crowds. Equally will the British public long remember the American farmer, Pete Mead, who boosted American sportsmanship and the never-say-die spirit in such an exemplary fashion.

Small wonder that Mead is not to be allowed to go back home before he has fought again in a British ring. Sands, with a badly swollen left hand, is going back to Australia for a well-earned rest. He may have shown that he lacks a devastating punch, but this quiet modest Australian has gained a lot of popularity during his trip to Britain.—Reuter.

W. India Beaten By An Innings

Bombay, October 16.

The Commonwealth Cricket team won the second match of their Indian tour today, beating Western India at Ahmedabad by an innings and 122 runs with a day to spare.

The Commonwealth XI, who made 347 runs on Saturday, shut Western India out today for 170 and 55.

It was a bowlers' day on the matting wicket. George Pope, former England bowler, and Desmond Fitzmaurice, the Australian, who began the attack, each took a wicket in their opening overs.

Never Recovered

Western India never recovered from this setback, although Vijay Hazare, the Test batsman, tried to retrieve the situation. Playing attractive cricket, he made 38, including five fours in the first innings.

The only other batsman to offer resistance was the lefthander, J. Shodman, who in a spirited knock of 52 minutes hit seven fours in a total of 40.

Following-on, Western India were skittled out a second time in just under two hours. Pope began by taking three second innings wickets, including Hazare's for five runs in seven overs, two of which were maidens. Pope finished with a match analysis of four for 21, while George Tribe, the Australian left-arm bowler, took seven wickets for 50.—Reuter.

Swede Wins Riding Event

Stockholm, October 16.

Tage Bjurefelt, of Sweden, won the riding event with 100 points when the world modern Pentathlon championship opened here today. Seven nations are represented in the event.

Second in the riding was B. Keenig, of Switzerland, with 99.5 points. G. Delaunois, of Belgium, was third with 92.5 points.

Two of the three French competitors were injured. Andre Lacroix fell at an obstacle and broke his hand. Lebail pulled a muscle in the same way. Both finished the course.

The International Pentathlon Federation meeting here refused an application for admission from West Germany until West Germany is recognised by the International Olympic Committee.—Reuter.

MANILA PLANS FIGHT CARD

Manila, October 17.

Joe Rodriguez, American fighter from Corpus Christi, Texas, and Star Naven, hard-hitting Filipino featherweight, will fight on Tuesday night for the junior featherweight championship of the Orient at Rizal Stadium.

The fight was sponsored by the "Evening News". Both men are expected to weigh 124 pounds.

Rodriguez, 26 year old, drew with Sandy Saddler in 1946.

Naven recently lost to the Orient featherweight champion, Tirso del Rosario in a bitter battle. Naven is 23.—United Press.

Tennis Results

Further progress has been made in the Ladies Recreation Club tennis championship yesterday when a number of matches were played off. The following are the results:—

Handicap Ladies Doubles

Mrs. Scholes and Mrs. Holman beat Mrs. Shewan and Mrs. Strickland 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

Club Ladies Doubles

Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Cooper beat Mrs. Stroobach and Mrs. Alexander 6-3, 6-3.

Club Ladies Singles

Mrs. Cooper beat Mrs. Getz 6-1, 6-3.

Club Men's Singles

J.D. Mackie beat W. J. D. Cooper 6-4, 8-6.

Handicap Mixed Doubles

P.S. Craig and Mrs. Ayres beat D.R. Holmes and Mrs. Sainsbury 6-2, 8-6.

Sunday's Results

Club Ladies Singles

Mrs. Getz beat Mrs. Hutchinson 6-1, 6-1.

Club Mixed Doubles

W. J. D. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper beat D. Nolan and Mrs. Kite 6-1, 6-1; M. Heenan and Mrs. Litton beat M. Gotfried and Mrs. Ayres 6-0, 6-0.

Club Ladies Doubles

Mrs. Slagter and Mrs. Kite beat Mrs. Getz and Mrs. Tamworth 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap Men's Singles

J.B. Hawthorn beat J.D. Mackie 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; E. Zulauf beat F.T. Orr 6-2, 6-2; D. Fitzroy-Williams beat J.B. Kite 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Men's Doubles

D. Fitzroy-Williams and Maj. Skipwith beat J.D. Mackie and R.S. Cull 6-4, 8-6.

Today's Matches

Colony Ladies Singles

5.00 p.m.: Mrs. Ip v Mrs. Williams; Mrs. Chow v Mrs. Cooper.

Inter-Hong

M. Heenan and G. Strickland v D. Fitzroy-Williams and L. Goldman; J.B. Hawthorn and J.D. Mackie v F.T. Orr and J.J. Remedios; D. Nolan and H. Cheung v Col. Mitchell and L.F. Stokes.

Club Mixed Doubles

Cmdr. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison v H.G.M. Rompen and Mrs. Getz.

Hardcourt Championship

Only two matches in the Hardcourt tennis championship were played off yesterday at the Chinese Recreation Club.

In the Open Singles, Tsui Yun-pui beat Lim Thiam-tet 6-2, 6-1 and in the Open Doubles the combination of M. Heenan and H.A. Ayres beat Y.W. Lee and K.C. Ng 9-7, 6-3.

Today's Matches

Open Doubles

W.K. Chung and T.S. Cheng v G. Choa and T.F. Choy; N. Leonard and Robert Tay v Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai.

Hungarian XI Beats Austria

Vienna, October 16.

Hungary beat Austria by four goals to three at the Vienna Stadium this afternoon. The match was refereed by an Englishman, W. Evans, of Liverpool.

Austria scored in the opening minutes of the match but trailed 2-3 at half time. They equalised soon after the interval, but Puskas shot the winning goal for Hungary in the 73rd minute.

Mr. Evans said after the match: "The first half of the game was excellent, but after the interval the standard of play fell off as the players tried the he-man stuff. I would not stand for that. I had to give two penalties."

It was from a penalty that Puskas scored Hungary's winning goal.—Reuter.

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Czech Star Hockey Players Purged

Prague, October 16.

Czechoslovakia today purged its world champion hockey team of the three men who made up the greatest attacking forward line in amateur hockey.

The three — Vladimir Zabrodsky, Stanislav Konopasek and Vaclav Rozinak—were dismissed because they were considered politically unreliable, the Slovak Communist newspaper, "Pravda," reported.

It indicated that the purge carried out by Sokol, the national sports organisation, would continue until a national team was formed which Czech leaders felt could be trusted to compete abroad without "deserting" to the West.

Communist leaders are still wary about letting their athletes play outside the country since Jaroslav Drobny and Vladimir Cernik, the nation's top tennis stars, and others fled into exile last Spring.

Not Invited

The purges were disclosed when "Pravda" announced that the three stars had not been invited to attend a "Cominform training camp" in Brno where players from Russia and the People's Democracies will take a course in physical education and political ideology.

"Pravda" said:

"Zabrodsky, Konopasek and Rosinak are top players but their behaviour has demoralising effects on the rest of the players on the national team and therefore there is no room for them in the team anymore."

Zabrodsky, who has been Czechoslovakia's most popular athlete for many years, commented:

"This decision digs the grave for Czechoslovak leadership in world hockey. We did not want any more fame for ourselves. We just wanted to carry on for the colours of Czechoslovakia. We can only hope that the decision is not final."—Associated Press.

Four Soldiers Face Charges At Kowloon

Four locally enlisted Chinese soldiers of the British Army, all stationed at Whitfield Barracks, faced Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of demanding money with menaces from a Chinese screen actor, Mak Chi-shing.

The soldiers, who pleaded not guilty to the charge through their counsel, Mr. M. A. da Silva, are Chan Kam-tong, Auyeung Hok-bun, Ku Loi-kwan and Hui Shing-fai.

Inspector Thomas Kavanagh, prosecuting said: "This case has many features of a typical blackmail case. The actual menaces are not direct but can be implied from a course of conduct over a period of time culminating in the handing over of $300 at the Tung Fong Cafe on the evening of August 11".

The prosecution went on to state that complainant is a film actor of the Sai Kwong Studio, Kowloon City. Allegations were made that he had had sexual intercourse with an actress working in the same studio. The first defendant was informed of this allegation and he used this knowledge to extort, with the aid of the other accused, money from the complainant, Inspector Kavanagh alleged.

Ask For Feast

Inspector Kavanagh said that on July 31, the first and second defendants went to the complainant's house and asked for a feast of 125 tables or the sum of $2,000. On August 3 the first defendant visited the studio in Kowloon City and with him were about 30 locally enlisted men. Complainant then requested the police for help.

On the evening of August 10, the four defendants met complainant in Temple Street and he was taken to the Tung Fong restaurant on the same street by the first and second defendant and there was asked for $600.

After discussions a payment of $300 was decided upon and was to be paid the next day. Complainant reported to the police who gave him three marked $100 notes to be paid over to the defendants. Police, who set the trap, arrested the first and second defendants after the money was paid.

Third defendant was arrested outside the restaurant after a struggle. The fourth defendant was arrested at Whitfield Barracks after an identification parade as one of the party present at the Tung Fong Cafe on the previous day.

Mak Chi-shing, who is known in the screen as Shek Yin-chi, the first called to the witness stand, said that on July 28, four persons including the first two defendants came to his house in Lockhart Road.

The first defendant then told him that he had not been fair to his clansman, Cheung Wai-sum, and that he had known and taken away his clansman's girl friend, Ha Po-lin, actress in the same studio. First defendant then demand money from him, witness alleged.

Three Conditions

After some discussions, witness said, first defendant laid down three conditions for the actor: (1) He was to stop acting together with Miss Ha: (2) He was to marry his fiancee immediately; and (3) He was to give a feast.

Two days later, witness went on, the first and second defendants again came to im and told him that none of the conditions had been fulfilled. First defendant then demand $4,000 from him as the sum he had spent on tea and travelling expenses.

After some bargaining defendant cut the figure down to $2,000 and if witness was not able to do this he must give a feast of 72 tables.

Then on August 3 first and second defendants together with about 30 men, some in khaki shorts, came to his studio while he was working on a film. It was after this occasion that he notified the police.

After the witness was cross-examined in the afternoon session by Mr. da Silva, the case was adjourned until November 11. The prosecution proposed to call 13 other witnesses.

Bail was fixed by Mr. d'Almada at $5,000 each, one half to be in cash, and the other half in bond.

WILDCATS IN THE TOWER

London, October 16.

The descendants of domestic cats bombed out of their homes during the war have formed a wild colony in the out-houses of the large agglomeration of centuries-old buildings that make up the ancient Tower of London.

They have attacked the Quartermaster's stores, hunted the Tower's famous ravens, and established a reign of terror among the sleek, well fed "official" cats.

Now the Governor of the Tower has asked an Animals Protection Society for help to help remove the menace. An official of the Society said that they would put down traps baited with fish and other titbits.

"Once caught, the kindest thing is to kill the cats painlessly as they are never happy in captivity and cannot be domesticated."

The Society is also dealing with another colony of wildcats on a bombed site near St. Paul's Cathedral.—Reuter.

Palestine's Defeat Big Surprise At Newmarket

London, October 16.

The greatest surprise of this week's racing at Newmarket was the defeat of the hitherto unbeaten juvenile Palestine in the Middle Park Stakes over six furlongs.

This grey colt, owned by the Aga Khan, had won his six races this season in the manner of a really useful colt and was generally regarded as the juvenile champion.

He was thought to be the automatic choice of the bookmakers as the favourite for next year's Two Thousand Guineas, yet he was beaten on merit by one and a half lengths at Newmarket by the North Country two-year-old, Masked Light.

Masked Light, a half-brother to the Irish crack Beau Sabreur, is a chestnut colt by Signal Light out of Masaw by Massine. Being thus stoutly bred on both sides, notably on that of his dam, he should develop into a really good stayer. He is now being talked of as a possible Derby winner next year.

The connections of Masked Light knew that they had a good one and backed him to beat the champion to such an extent that the bookmakers only laid 7 to 2 against the Northern crack.

Last Furlong

It was the last furlong that beat Palestine, that and the changed state of the going, which due to heavy rain had become yielding.

All Palestine's previous wins had been on the hard ground. When tackled by Masked Light on the rising ground to the finishing post, he had nothing extra to pull out.

Masked Light is trained by the Australian-born trainer, Norman Scobie, and owned by Mr. E. Wanless, who paid only 2,700 guineas for him as a yearling, a fine bargain.

The Middle Park Stakes is regarded as a pointer to the Derby winner of the following year. Both Bahram and Dante won it.

Useful Horse

Another useful two-year-old to be seen out was the Golden Road, owned by a former diplomat, Sir Percy Loraine. The Golden Road, making his debut at Ascot in the six-furlongs Sandwich Stakes, won in a canter in the manner of a very useful colt.

He is a chestnut by the former Derby winner, Watling Street, out of Yasna by Dastur, and is trained by Noel Murless at Beckhampton.

The Beckhampton stable has not produced its usual crop of speedy two-year-olds this season, not at least youngsters of the calibre of The Cobbler and Abernant, but it may be that this colt is a good one.

The Golden Road could be the one to give Gordon Richards his first Derby winner.—Reuter.

Italy Beats Britain In Horse Show

Paris, October 16.

Great Britain finished second in the International Horse Show which ended in Paris last night.

Represented by Lieutenant Colonel Harry M. Llewellyn and Paul Robeson, they were beaten by the Italian team of Lieutenant Pireo Dinzeo and Sandro Perrone.

Colonel Llewellyn was seventh with 77 points in Grand Prix d'Europe which Dinzoo won with 100 points.

Miss Pat Smythe of Great Britain won the women's cup on Leona.

Mrs. Llewellyn of Great Britain, on Monty, was second out of 30 women riders for the event.—Associated Press.

VON CRAMM BEATS JACK HARPER

Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany, October 16.

Germany's perennial champion, Baron Cottfried von Cramm, coasted to a 6-1, 6-4 victory over the Australian player, Jack Harper, in the International Tennis Tournament here tonight.

In the men's doubles, von Cramm teamed with Harper and downed the German players, Willie Stingl and Alexander Meyer, 6-4, 7-5.

After the tournament, Harper said he plans to play in Sweden next month for a series of exhibition matches.—United Press.

SZABO WINS CHESS TOURNEY

Rome, October 16.

Szabo of Hungary today won the international chess tournament here with 11-1/2 points to collect the 200,000-lire prize.

Rossolino of France finished second with 10-1/2 points and Prins of Holland was third with 10 points.

Golombek of Britain tied for fourth place with Barcza of Hungary, Foltys of Czechoslovakia and Cliecric of Yugoslavia, all with 9-1/2 points.—Reuter.

U.S. GRID GAME RESULTS

New York, October 16.

Professional football results:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Bears 38 Philadelphia 21.
Chicago Cardinals 39 Green Bay 17.
Los Angeles 21 Detroit 10.
Washington 38 New York Bulldogs 14.
Pittsburgh 21 New York Giants 17.

ALL AMERICAN

San Francisco 51 Buffalo 7.
New York Yankees 24 Baltimore 21.—Associated Press.

HARRIS WINS SPRINT EVENT

Paris, October 16.

Reg Harris, the British holder of the world professional sprint cycling title, today beat Louis Gerardin, the champion of France, in a three-leg medley sprint event here.

Harris told Reuter that he expected to make an attempt on the world 1,000-metres record in Milan on October 23. The record of one min. 10.2 secs. was established in 1938 by Famio Batessini.—Reuter.

RACA WINS GRAND CRITERIUM

Madrid, October 16.

Raca, owned by the Figuero Stud, today won the Grand Criterium for two-year-olds, run over seven furlongs here.

Raca, who is by the Irish-imported horse, Recherche, out of the French-imported Gaal, beat Purba by six lengths with Kansas III a further two lengths away third of a field of six runners. The winner started at 3 to 1.—Reuter.

Handicaps For Race Meeting

The following are the handicaps for the 8th Race Meeting on October 22:—

1.—Thirsk Handicap (First Section) Class 6. 1¼ Miles:—Autumn Leaf (136) Blacksmith (135), Care Free (116), Chelsea (155), Constant Star (153) Dis'empose (148), Domino (154), Honeydew (142), Iron Mask (142), Jump Ba (152), Lightning (148), Mabel (144), Reuter (136) and Treasurer (154).

2.—Chester Handicap (First Section) Class 5. From 2 MP:—Amazing (144) Arabian Moon (141), Avalon (149), Chic Witness (145), Golden Wheel (152), Liberation Star (159), Mastery (154), Nervous Witness (154), Penforce (150), Powerhouse (143), Shun Lee (154), Spanish Onion (147), Toowoomba Bar (136), Top Hat (147), Trade Wind (1 and Victorious (142).

3.—Goodwood Handicap (First Section) Class 4. Six Furlongs:—Bridsto (152), Cassie (142), Heroic Lassie (159), Hurricane (154), Kentucky Moon (156), Kwong Yin (147), Marigold (155), Oakland Bridge (154), Possibility (147), Red Fox (149), Ringmer (145) and Two Bid (159).

4.—Thirsk Handicap (Second Section). Class 6. 1¼ Miles:—A Grand Time (147), Amico (159), Bitter Sweet (152), Colonia (159), Epinard (150), Hoi Polloi (146), Jasmin (155), Kwong Leung (152), Miami Beauty (138), Silver Spear (146), Souvenir (137), Speed Wheel (138), The Alligator (146) and Zephyr (144).

5.—Epsom Handicap (First Section). Class 3. From 2 MP:—Beckenham (144), Chief Pilot (149), Crown Witness (140), D Day (149), Flying Arrow (154), Lili Marlene (159), Lucky Jane (152), Noonday Sun (146), Pleasant Valley (154), Probability (142), Shun Fung (154), Sparkling Star (149), The Stranger (15 and World Peace (146).

6.—Goodwood Handicap (Second Section). Class 4. Six Furlongs:—Boo Town (139), Canadian Potato (145 Empress Delight (147), Flying Jib (141, Good Ship (156), Harmony (142), Justir of Peace (135), Meteorologist (154 Prince Delight (145), Thunder Sky (145, Tripoli (149) and V.I.P. (156).

7.—Chester Handicap (Second Section Class 5. From 2 MP:—Aan Hinz (152, Argus (141), Countess Delight (156 Dashing Beauty II (138), Desert Knight (152), Frostylight (135), Hong Kot Sintze (146), Jeep Hing (155), Jennifer (150), National Gift (142), Priority (152) Some Fun (125), Sparkling Eyes (135, The Tigress (139) and United Victor (154).

8.—Thirsk Handicap (Third Section Class 6. 1¼ Miles:—Abdul Hamid (143 Busy Bee (144), Double Coin (139, Filibuster (139), Ingrid (148), Madam Butterfly (149), Marbu (150), Oldshoes (135), Rosemarie (137), Roslyn (135), Sino Marshall (145), Tunny (143) a Windermere (154).

9.—Goodwood Handicap (Third Section Class 4. Six Furlongs:—Atomic Pow (155), Barbarian (156), Empress of Peac (144), Liberty Ship (154), National Congress (135), Peggy (154), Poker Face (152), Popularity (155), Rose d'or (159), Rowanglen (146) and South East Wind (156).

10.—Epsom Handicap (Second Section). Class 3. From 2 MP:—Airs and Graces (154), Ascot Beauty (152), Desire (156), Fairy Feet (154), Forle (149), Happy Valley (146), King of Peace (154), Lad Gloucester (153), Luna (147), Luck Starter (135), Minx (149), Pegasus (156 and Thunderbolt (152).

Transfer Of Race Horses

London, October 16.

The Maharajah of Baroda's race horses are to be transferred from Mr. T. H. Carey's stables at Epsom, Surrey, to Mr. George Buller's establishment which is also at Epsom.

Mr. Carey told Reuter today: "I have asked the Maharajah to find other training quarters for the 16 horses which arrived at my stables earlier in the season from Newmarket."

Mr. Buller said: "The Maharajah rang me up on Saturday and asked me if I would take his horses. I went to his place at Ashstead, near Epsom, and the matter was settled. I shall collect the horses tomorrow."

Mr. Carey received the Maharajah's horses when the association between the Indian owner and Mr. F. Armstrong, the Newmarket trainer, was terminated last June.—Reuter.

FIVE HURT IN NAPLES CLASH

Naples, October 16.

Five were seriously injured and 25 arrested today during a riot between Communists and neo-Fascists in Naples. Two policemen and three demonstrators were injured.

The riot broke out when the leader of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement, Giorgio Almirante, addressed a mass rally of 3,000 followers in the Piazza Matteotti.

Several hundred Communists attacked the neo-Fascists with clubs stones and firecrackers. The Communists battled neo-Fascists and police for several minutes before the police re-established order and Almirante gave his speech.

A dozen neo-Fascists were taken to a first-aid station for treatment of minor injuries.—United Press.

Speculation On Future Of HK Industries

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New Paper Mill

Latest of the new industries set up is a paper mill at Ung Long, New Territories, which plans to turn out good quality packing paper for the local market. Their factory is just being completed and manufacturing has not yet started.

One industry that has been enjoying a post war boom right up to now is hand-torch manufacturing. Nine of the larges registered factories employing 3,140 men and women turn out 1,500 dozen torches a day. Of the numerous smaller factories the output is not on record, but it is estimated to be about half that of the large factories.

Often these factories have to work overtime to cope with overseas orders.

The manufacture of rubber shoes has not gone beyond the pre-war level, principally due to the smaller quota for the United Kingdom, and reduced demand from other overseas markets.

The textiles factories and the knitting factories employ more than 20,000 workers when working at full time. The post-war boom ended early this year, and a large number of workers have had to be laid off.

And so we have today vast new areas marked out by Government as industrial areas notably in Cheung Sha Wan and Ma Tau Kok, into which industrialists have poured, and are still pouring, millions and millions of dollars, feeling confident that come what may in China or elsewhere, Hong Kong will always be on the industrial map of the world.